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Sgt. Stephen Miles, center, hugs his 4-month-old daughter, Skylar, for the first time as his wife, Nancy, front left, looks on Sunday morning at Kadena Air Base. Miles is one ol ut 170 Marines and sailors who returned to Kadena to prepare for the rest of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit's expected April arrival.

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### ws Tracker ... What's new with old news

#### States

Hunter S. Thompson memorial: Friends and family of the late Hunt-er S. Thompson gathered Saturday night at a luxury hotel to remember

the writer with a private party.

In keeping with Thompson's wishes, the memorial celebration at the Hotel Jerome in this mountain resort town was closed to reporters and the public

Aspen residents honored Thompson's request for privacy.

#### World

Madrid bombings: The prime minister has urged media outlets not to broadcast grisly footage and photos of the Madrid train bomb ings as Spain marks the attacks' first anniversary this week, saying it will make victims suffer unduly

News coverage "at all times must respect the victims' pain," Jose Luis Rodriguez Zap-atero said Saturday in an interview with the private Foundation for Victims of Terrorism. The government has declared Friday's anniversary a day of national mourning.

British royal wedding: The forthcoming wedding of Prince Charles and Camilla Parker Bowles is good for Britain and people should support it, the former Archbishop of Canterbury said Sunday.

A local registry is expected to rule soon on nine formal objections that have been filed against the marriage plans. The objections were filed by unidentified Britons on Friday, the deadline for such challenges.

James Brown in Indonesia: Legendary soul singer James Brown said Sunday that Michael Jackson was being "set up" in his child molestation trial and that the embattled performer should be touring tsunami-hit Asia rather than defending himself

Speaking in Indonesia ahead of a concert Sunday, the 71-year-old Godfather of Soul also claimed to be the root of modern music. "All the music playing the last part of the 20th century was all James Brown," he said. The 21st century is just James Brown period. Whether it's rap, hip hop, gospel, or country doesn't make no difference. They are all using my stuff and I'm glad because I've been

able to bring something to music."

Brown said he came to Indonesia in part to raise awareness about the Dec. 26 tsunami that killed more than 173,000 people in 11 countries around the Indian Ocean

N. Korea nuke talks: North Korean leaders told China they are ready to resume six-nation nuclear talks, the Chinese foreign



Pope's recovery: Pope John Paul II waves to faithful Sunday as he appears for the traditional Angelus prayer at a window of his apartment on the 10th floor of Rome's Gemelli Polyclinic Hospital, in this picture released by Vatican newspaper L'Osservatore Romano. The pope looked alert as he sat behind the closed window, repeatedly raising his arms to bless the crowd, but he did not speak during the three-minute appearance. Residents in the pope's hometown of Wadowice, Poland, held special prayers and signed a book of greetings that will be delivered to the pope. Orthodox Christians in Bucharest, Romania, also prayed for the pontiff, who visited the nation in 1999, his first trip to a Christian Orthodox country.

minister said Sunday, but he didn't say wheth-

er Pyongyang attached any conditions.

China has been trying to arrange new talks on the North's nuclear program. Pyongyang announced Feb. 10 that it had produced nuclear weapons and had no interest in returning to the disarmament talks

Responding to a message from Chinese President Hu Jintao, the North Korean leadership said it "remained ready and willing to continue to participate in the six-party talks, Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing said.

China's defense budget: A general in charge of finance for China's military says Beijing doesn't spend enough on defense even after the announcement of another double-digit annual budget increase "Compared with other major countries in

the world, the military expenditures of our country are still at a fairly low level," the official Xinhua News Agency quoted Maj. Gen.

Ding Jiye as saying.
China announced Friday its military budget will rise 12.6 percent this year to \$29.9 billion — a figure that analysts say is probably far less than its true spending. It was the fourth double-digit increase in five years.

Bobby Fischer deportation saga: Ameri-can chess champion Bobby Fischer could be

deported to the United States to face tax eva sion charges, a Japanese news report said Sunday.

The report by the national Mainichi newsnaner could signal more trouble for Fischer as he battles a separate Japanese deportation order to the United States and tries to win free passage to Iceland. Fischer, 61, has been held by Japanese immigration authorities since being arrested in July while trying to board a plane to the Philippines allegedly using an invalid U.S. passport.

Congo violence: Children as young as 8 and women are among the militia who have attacked several villages in Congo's violent Ituri province, killing dozens and forcing more than 70,000 from their homes, a United Nations spokesman said

Militias suspected of killing nine U.N. peacekeepers in northeastern Congo have also taken thousands of people hostage to use as sex slaves and to ferry gold and other minerals, said U.N. spokesman Kemal Saiki.

U.N. peacekeepers negotiated the release of more than 1,500 hostages in early February, and assisted another 3,700 who were kidnapped and later released by ethnic Lendu mi-litia, said Maj. Aamer Zahid, spokesman for U.N. troops in Congo, on Saturday.

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# Flynn award honors Yokota IG office's work

BY T.D. FLACK

Stars and Strines

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan - The 374th Airlift Wing Inspector General Office recently was awarded the Pacific Air Forces 2004 John P. Flynn Award for out-

standing service and mission support. Next up, in May, is the Air Force-wide competition during the Worldwide Inspector General Conference in the United

Col. Michael Koster, Yokota's inspector general, credits Maj. Michael J. Mills and Master Set. Edwin E. Holland, who run the Complaints and Inquiry office, for the

Mills and Holland are "proactive by their very nature and are well-respected by their peers, so they're effective," Koster educate the base community helped reduce the number of complaints and investigations in 2004

According to base officials, the IG's mission includes evaluating critical areas essential for mission performance and serving as a tool for commanders to assess their units. They're to expedite complaints resolution through investigations and education, and run a fraud, waste and abuse

program. Holland and Mills catch incoming personnel during the "Right Start" base introduction program. They also speak during the First Term Airmen Center Program in which airmen at their first duty station are briefed on life in the service - and during noncommissioned officer and senior

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noncommissioned officer professional development courses.

Holland said to explain their mission to the younger troops, they use different strat-egies, incorporating "scenarios that are

Koster also said his staff has done a great job establishing contact with other base agencies, which might be better able

ple's needs. Instead of saying, "No, that's not an IG issue," Koster said, his staff works at "getting people together to solve

the problem." Professional and personal relationships are key to a strong IG office, Koster said. He will send Mills, now on temporary

duty, to the Air Force-wide conference in May. Both Koster and Holland stressed the conference is a great place to network and to share ideas for improving their mission.

Holland said he's received many calls since Yokota won the award. "It only makes our individual offices bet-

" Holland said. Koster also thanked 374th Airlift Wing Commander Col. Mark Schissler, saying the program can be only as successful as its commander allows.

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### Turnabout is fair play

### Winning awards puts PAOs themselves in the news

BY T.D. FLACK Stars and Strings

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan - The people who help tell Yokota's story from behind the scenes were recognized for their work during the recently released 2004 Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs Excellence Awards.

A busy year — including more than 50 community relations events, a 21,000-gallon fuel spill, three helicopter precautionary landings, and humanitarian relief efforts in Japan and South Asia - kept the staff hopping, according to Capt. David Westover, 374th public affairs officer and outstanding "company grade" public affairs officer of the year.

His office earned the "small wing" director's excellence award, the award for media relations and the award for special achievement in a crisis situation Staff Sgt. Karen Tomasik was selected wing outstanding public affairs noncommissioned officer, and Airman 1st Class Katie Thomas was named outstanding public affairs airman.

Col. Mark Schissler, 374th Airlift Wing commander, was given a special achieve-ment award for "commander support." Westover attributes the wing's success

to the people who work for him. "I'm fortunate enough to lead an in-credible staff," he said. He called Thomas and Tomasik "great strategic thinkers and planners

He also said his Japanese staff members are often in the office "longer than I

Westover also thanked Schissler for his support.

"He fully supports the PA mission and knows the value of it," Westover said of Schissler.

Westover's staff worked 34 major stories during the year and answered more than 800 news queries.

They also improved, Westover said. After the first precautionary landing, Westover admits he was a "bit slow to get info out." But he used the experience to man out a checklist. When the second incident occurred. Westover and a translator were on one of the first helicopters to the scene to speak to the Japanese press and express base concerns

Westover also said the base community relations events helped in the overall awards. He pointed to the more than 130,000 visitors at the Friendship Festival and about 2 000 visitors who came to the base for Halloween trick-or-treating.

The United States Air Force Band of the Pacific-Asia, based at Yokota, also was honored in the awards. The band earned a special achievement award for its Operation Pacific Greetings program and Senior Airman Natalie Madison was named outstanding band airman.

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### Public affairs unit awards

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#### Public affairs individual awards

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Outstanding public affairs intermediate grade civil-lan (GS-9 to GS-11): Jon Scudder, 3rd Wing, Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska Outstanding host nation employee of the year: Kyoko Hasegawa, 35th Fighter Wing, Misawa Air Base,

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- Provided by the 374th Airlift Wing

### Checking out what to do, where to go



Camp Zama residents come to the camp's community center Saturday to talk with vendors about tours and activities in Japan and the Pacific at the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Adventure Fair.



PHOTOS BY ERIK SLAVIN/Stars and Strip

Above: Capt. Burrell Parmer holds his daughter at Kadena Air Base early Sunday morning after returning from Iraq. Parmer came home with about 170 Marines and sailors to prepare for the rest of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit's expected April arrival. Right: The unit's advance team members arrive at Kadena.



# 130 members of 31st MEU back from Iraq

### Advance team home early to prepare for rest of unit's return in April

BY ERIK SLAVIN Stars and Stripes

KADENA AIR BASE, Okinawa — Functioning on two hours of sleep, Christina Rooney waited anxiously Sunday morning with her two children for her husband, Capt. David Rooney, to return from Irad.

It's been weeks since she had a good night of shut-eye, she said, explaining it's never easy to wait for a spouse to return from deployment.

"The last month out is the longest of your life," Rooney said. "You never get used to it"

By 6:20 a.m., the 130 Marines from the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, and 40 other Marines and sailors sent to Iraq to augment the force, emerged from their 12-hour flight from Kuwait and poured through the doors to welcoming tears and

The arrivals are part of an advance team that's to prepare equipment and barracks on Okinawa for the rest of the 31st MEU's 2,200 members, who are to return aboard the USS Essex Amphibious Readiness Group in April, said a Marine spokesman.

The 31st MEU patrolled the perilous western Iraqi province of Al Anbar, a 33,000-square-mile area roughly the size of South Carolina. Their patrol area included borders with Jordan, Syria and Saudi Arabia.

During the January elections, they provided security for 54 of Iraq's polling stations. The unit paid a heavy price during its service: 50 Marines died, and 221 were injured.

Most servicemembers returning home Sunday had been deployed for six months to a year. They were greeted by generals and a full band, a welcome often reserved for larger contingents. Some Marines received their first greetings from children they had never met. Sgt. Stephen Miles met his 4-month-old daughter, Skylar, for the first time after his seven-month deployment.

"I'm overwhelmed, at a loss for words," Miles said. "This makes you realize what is important."

Miles and others said they received frequent photos and updates on their families via the Internet. But that's still only a substitute for human contact, as Lance Cpl. Michael Mortimer learned after being stationed in an intelligence role near the western Iraqi border.

"It was a lot more difficult than I thought it would be," Mortimer said. "The separation from family and friends was worse than I expected."

He said the hands-on intelligence work he did in the border areas was more intense than he imagined, far more so than the work he does on Okinawa.

The task at the Iraqi border is complex, requiring cooperation among four different nations. he said.

"We've been a lot more focused on strengthening relations between the bordering countries and helping the Iraqis form their own border forces to stop the insurgents," he said.

With a two-day customs process and a 12-hour flight from Kuwait behind them, many of the servicemembers said they were looking forward to doing as little as possible before returning to work. After greeting his wife at the AMC terminal, for instance, Maj. Marty Butterworth said he was ready for some peace and quiet.

"I'm going to enjoy relaxing in my home without all of my best friends around," Butterworth said.

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### 60th anniversary bringing Iwo Jima vets to Guam

By FRED ZIMMERMAN Stars and Stripes

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — Veterans of the historic battle of Iwo Jima were to begin arriving on Guam on Monday to meet and prepare for the upcoming annual ceremony that will pay tribute to the bloody battle's 60th anniversary.

Seventy World War II veterans will attend the ceremony Saturday on Iwo Jima, with more than 280 family members traveling with them, according to Tom Goresch, director of Micronesia operations for Military Historical Tours, who has arranged the trip, Goresch said not all 70 veterans fought on Iwo Jima — though a majority of the group did.

Included in this year's trip, he said, are two men who fought on Iwo Jima and went on to become general officers, and a Navajo code talker who fought on the island.

The typical tour group size is about 100, Goresch said, but with this year being the battle's 60th anniversary, more veterans and family members than usual are making the trip.

The veterans and family members will spend the week on Guam taking half-day trib throughout the island. Tour stops include battlefield sites, Spanish ruins, a local cultural village, the War Dog Memorial and a visit to the Naval Station museum. The group also will make three stops on Andersen Air Force Base— at the Andersen Heritage Display, the wives' club gift shop and the Linebacker II Memorial at Arc Light Memorial Park. "I was surprised," Staff Sgt.

"I was surprised," Staff Sgt. Theresa Cooper, a public affairs representative who is organizing the Andersen visit, said about the bigger group of visitors this year. "It's very gratifying. We've put a call out for volunteer tour guides."

Approximately 20 Air Force volunteers have answered the call. "This is an opportunity for troops to participate in an event that's very dear to our veterans," Cooper told them.

On Friday night, the group will have an Iwo Jima anniversary banquet on Guam with national and local dignitaries. The next morning, the veterans will have their chance to once again stand on the black beaches of Iwo Jima. There they will meet with a

handful of their Japanese counterparts and lay wreaths at the Reunion of Honor Monument on a hill overlooking Yellow Beach. Each year on March 12, the one-time enemies meet there in friendship to honor the men who never left the island.

Marines from Okinawa will head to the island that day to lend their support. The III Marine Expeditionary Force Band will be on hand to provide music, and other Marines will serve as a rifle detail, ceremonial platoon and the Color Guard. Marines also will be at eight of the island historic sites to explain the significance of that area to those on the tour.

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### Japanese class

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Looking to learn Japanese?

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Registration for the \$10 class

begins March 21 for troops and March 28 for civilians. Call DSN 225-7337 or visit the

BTES office in Building 314 for more information.

### Volunteer awards

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan— Nomination deadline for the base's 2004 Annual Volunteer Recognition Awards is March 16. Call Yokota's Family Support Center at DSN 225-8725 for more information or to pick up a nomination packet.

From staff reports

# **Italian journalist** rejects American account of attack

By Maria Sanminiatelli The Associated Press

ROME - The Italian journalist wounded by American troops in Iraq after her release by insurgents rejected the U.S. military's account of the shooting and declined Sunday to rule out the possibility she was deliberately targeted. The White House said it was a "horrific accident" and promised a full investigation.

Meanwhile, an autopsy performed on the agent who died trying to save Giuliana Sgrena reportedly showed he was struck in the temple by a single round and died instantly as the car carrying Sgrena sped to the Baghdad airport.

Friday's shooting that wounded the 56-year-old journalist and killed Italian intelligence officer Nicola Calipari as they were celebrating her freedom has fueled anti-American sentiment country where people are deeply opposed to U.S. policy in Iraq.

Sgrena, who works for the communist daily Il Manifesto, did not rule out that she was targeted, saying the United States likely disanproved of Italy's methods to se cure her release, although she did not elaborate

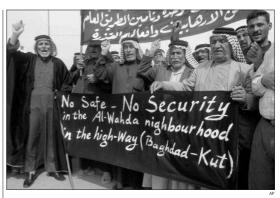
Italian officials have not provided details about the negotiations leading to Sgrena's release Friday after a month in captivity, but Agriculture Minister Giovanni Alemanno was quoted as saying it was "very likely" a ransom was paid. U.S. officials object to ransoms, saying it encourages fur-

ther kidnappings.
White House counselor Dan Bartlett said Sunday the shootings were a "horrific accident" and pointed out that President Bush had called Berlusconi to offer condolences and promise a full investigation

The U.S. military has said the car Sgrena was riding in was speeding, and Americans used hand and arm signals, flashing white lights and warning shots to get it to stop at the roadblock.

But in an interview with Italian La 7 TV, Sgrena said, "There was no bright light, no signal." She also said the car was traveling at 'regular speed

Sgrena also recalled how Calipari, who led negotiations for her release, died after throwing himself over her when the shooting broke out as they were celebrating her freedom on the way to the



Residents of the al-Wahda neighborhood, south of Baghdad, protest outside the Convention Center in the heavily fortified Green Zone in Baghdad on Sunday. The protesters say a lack of security in their neighbor-

### Kurds, Shiites get top Iraq jobs; assembly set to meet March 16

BY PATRICK QUINN The Associated Press

BAGHDAD - Iraqi politicians set March 16 for the opening of the country's first democratically elected parliament in modern history as a deal hardened Sunday to name Jalal Talabani, a leader of the minority Kurds, to the largely ceremonial presidency.

The powerful prime minister's job will go to Ibrahim al-Jaafari, a deeply conservative Shiite who is leader of the Islamic Dawa party. His nomination which the Kurds have agreed to, has been endorsed by the most powerful Shiite cleric in Iraq - Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani

"This was one of our firm demands and we agreed on it previously. The agreement states that Jalal Talabani takes the presidential post and one of the United Iraqi Alliance members takes the prime minister's post," Talabani spokesman Azad Jundiyan

He added, however, that the clergy-backed United Iraqi Alliance also reached a preliminary agreement with the Kurds on their other conditions - including extending their territories to include

Jundiyan said they wanted the deal on paper before going through with it, while alliance officials, including Ahmad Chalabi, said those negotiations were not over. Baghdad's new Shiite governor, Ali Fadhil al-Im-

seer, took office Sunday to become the city's first democratically elected municipal official since the fall of Saddam Hussein. Provincial and municipal elections were held alongside national ones on Jan. 30.

In northern Mosul, 225 miles north of Baghdad, gunmen killed a prominent Sunni Arab politician. Hana Abdul Qader, a lawyer and former member of Mosul's previous city council, was shot as she left her home, said Noor Al-Din Saied, a spokesman for the Iraqi İslamic party in Mosul.

U.S. soldiers assigned to the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force and Iraqi forces arrested more than 60 suspected insurgents in the city of Haswa, 31 miles south of Baghdad, on Saturday, a U.S. military announcement said Sunday.

State-run Al-Iraqiya television also reported that Barham Saleh, a Kurd who is the deputy prime minister for national security affairs, confirmed that the 275-seat National Assembly elected more than one month ago would convene on March 16.



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### U.S. deaths in Iraq

As of Saturday, at least 1,507 members of the U.S. mili-tary have died since the beginng of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associat-ed Press count. At least 1,142 died as a result of hostile action, according to the Defense Department. The figures include four military civilians.

The AP count is 12 higher than the Defense Depart-ment's tally, last updated at 10 a.m. EST Friday.

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### IN THE WORLD

### Madrid summit may favor tackling the causes of terrorism

The Associated Press

MADRID, Spain - Governments afflicted by extremist violence must address its causes if they hope to defeat it, not just strike back as the United States has done, say experts who will take part in a world conference on terrorism in Madrid this week.

Those causes include poverty, religious intolerance and failures to integrate a swelling tide of immigrants.

"The consensus ... is a 'soft' power approach based on prevention - not like the United States has in mind, but (rather) with engagement with North African Muslim nations, economic development, assimilating and integrat-

ing immigrants into host nations," Charles Powell, a history professor at San Pablo-CEU University in Madrid, said in an inter-

The conference, which runs from Tuesday to Friday, brings together world leaders including U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, Afghan President Hamid Karzai and various heads of government or state, as well as about 180 experts from 50 countries. Annan is to deliver a major statement on terrorism on Thursday.

Discussions the first two days will focus on political, economic, religious and cultural explanations of terrorism, and appropriate police, intelligence and military responses.



e special forces soldiers ride on their armored personnal carriers Sunday during a security patrol in the Martyrs Square, where the opposition protesters hold their daily demonstration against Syria, in central

# Syrian troops ready to begin leaving Lebanon

BY ZEINA KARAM The Associated Press

BEIRUT, Lebanon - Syrian troops were to begin redeploying toward eastern Lebanon on Monday in a pullback that will take two or three days, Lebanon's defense minister said Sunday.

Abdul-Rahim Murad told The Associated Press that the withdrawal from Mount Lebanon and northern Lebanon toward the Bekaa Valley would begin directly after a Damascus meeting of the presidents of the two coun-

tional interference in Lebanon, to counter the weeks of anti-Syrian protests here

The redeployment of the 14,000 Syrian troops to the Bekaa is the first phase of a two-step pullback that Syrian President Bashar Assad outlined in a speech to parliament on Saturday. His an-nouncement, however, left it unclear whether Syrian forces would eventually leave Lebanon or remain inside the country near the border.

Later Saturday, Syrian Immi-grant Affairs Minister Buthaina

meeting of the Supreme Syrian Lebanese Council, which comprises the top leadership of both coun-

White House counselor Dan Bartlett criticized Assad's announcement as being "more generalities and half-measures as opposed to living up to the interna-tional community's demands."

Speaking on CNN's "Late Edi-tion." Bartlett said Syrian secret services and intelligence officials "that really keep the clamp of fear in the Lebanese people"

Assad, in his hour-long speech





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# China tells U.S., Japan to back off on Taiwan

BY JOE MCDONALD

The Associated Press

BEIJING — China's foreign minister warned Japan and the United States on Sunday not to include Taiwan within the scope of their military alliance, saying Beijing would not permit interference in what it considers an internal matter.

The Communist Beijing government claims Taiwan, split from the mainland in 1949, as part of its territory and has threatened to attack if the island declares formal independence.

"Any practice of putting Taiwan directly or indirectly into the scope of Japan-U.S. security cooperation constitutes an encroachment on China's sovereignty and interference into China's internal affairs," Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing said at a news conference held during the annual meeting of China's legislature.

"The Chinese government and the people are firmly against such activities," he said.

Li's comments came two weeks after China reacted angrily to a joint U.S.-Japanese declaration that reaffirmed the two governments' security arrangements and said they wanted to see the "peaceful resolution" of Taiwan's

China's legislature is preparing to enact an anti-secession law that officials say is meant to discourage Taiwan from trying to make its de facto independence permanent. Taiwanese leaders say the measure could set the stage for an attack on the island. Washington is Taiwan's main arms supplier and could be drawn into any conflict over the island

Li repeated Chinese criticisms of the U.S.-Japanese alliance as a Cold War relic and said such cooperation "ought to be strictly restricted to a bilateral nature."

"If it goes beyond a bilateral scope definitely it will allow uneasiness on the part of Asian countries and also bring about complicating factors to the regional security situation." he said.

Beijing regards Japan as its main rival for status as East Stai's dominant military power and responds angrily to any suggestion that Tokyo might extend the reach of its forces. Taiwan was a Japanese colony in 1895-1945 and maintains friendly ties with Tokyo.

# Taiwanese protest China's planned anti-secession law

The Associated Desca

KAOHSIUNG, Taiwan
More than 15,000 protesters
marched in Taiwan on Sunday,
denouncing China's planned
anti-secession law and vowing
to fight what they claim is
Beijing's attempt to force this
self-ruled, democratic island to
unify with the mainland.

"Taiwanese stand up, oppose China's hegemony," the protesters chanted as they marched, wearing red headbands, through Taiwan's southern city of Kaohsiung Taiwan-China tensions have risen recently over Beijing's plan to pass the anti-secession legislation, which Taiwanese leaders say could set the stage for an attack on the island.

The two sides split amid civil war in 1949, but Beijing insists Taiwan is part of its territory and has repeatedly threatened to attack if Taipei formalizes its de facto independence or drags its feet on unification talks. Tai-wanese President Chen Shui-bian, whose party is allied with the Solidarity Union, did not join the protest—apparently to avoid provoking Beijing.



World Championship Tour surfers and locals surfers ride on the world's longest surfboard to set an unofficial Guinness World Record in Australia's Gold Coast on Saturday. The record attempt is part of the "Tsunamirun," a charity set up to raise funds for tsunami victims.

### Dude, that's a big surfboard

The Associated Press

CANBERRA, Australia — More than 40 surfers cruised into the record books Saturday when they successfully rode a giant surfboard off an Australian beach, breaking the previous world record set by an English team of 14 people in 2003.

More than 5,000 people gathered Saturday to watch riders conquer the 40-foot-long, 10-foot-wide board, newspapers reported. The board, created by board shaper Nev Hyman, arrived by semitrailer. More than 20 people carried it to the surf.

The riders at the Queensland state tourist city Gold Coast, where the Quiksilver and Roxy Pro surf competitions were held, included pro surfers Chris Ward of California and Australian champion Danny Wills. Newspaper reports of how many riders took part ranged from 44 to 47.

Hyman said the four-minute ride to shore was worth the monthlong effort to build the board.

"It was the best four minutes of my surfing life. It went in strong and straight," Hyman told Queensland's The Sunday Mail newspaper. The board that set the 2003 record was 36 feet long.

# Sinn Fein leader urging killers to 'be men,' confess

BY SHAWN POGATCHNIK
The Associated Press

DUBLIN, Ireland — Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams said Sunday that the killers of a Belfast man have dragged his party and the outlawed IRA "into the dirt" and demanded that they "be men" and admit their crime.

Sinn Fein's annual conference, which ended Sunday, has been overshadowed by the Jan. 30 slaying of Robert McCartney, who was fatally beaten and stabbed by IRA members.

Nobody has been charged, even though the attack began in a crowded pub.

McCartney's sisters, who live in a hard-line Catholic district of Belfast that is a power base of the IRA, have waged an exceptional public campaign highlighting the intimidation of witnesses and the killers' careful cleanup of forensic evidence.

Detectives say not a single witness has provided a statement identifying the attackers, making it impossible to bring charges.

Sinn Fein, which initially criticized police efforts to identify the killers and denied IRA involvement, have been forced to change tack because of the McCartney campaign. Last week Sinn Fein suspended seven members allegedly involved, following an IRA move to expel three of its members.

On Saturday, four of McCartney's sisters traveled to Dublin to sit in the front row of the Sinn Fein conference to hear Adams appeal for McCartney's killers to hand themselves in. He returned to the theme Sunday.

McCartney's killers "have brought the good name of (Irish) republicanism into the dirt," said Adams, whom the Irish government identifies as an IRA commander.

"Those who did the deed should come forward — should be men — and should come forward and redeem themselves," he said.

he said. However, the McCartney fami-

However, the McCartney family said it remains unsatisfied that witnesses will come forward, given the IRA's traditional policy of killing 'informers' and the Sim Fetin-IRA movement's rejection of the authority of the Northstone of the Authority of the Northstone o

### Support builds for jailed Egyptian 'hero'

BY SARAH EL-DEEB
The Associated Press

CAIRO, Egypt — For years, Ayman Nour had handed out charity in a densely populated neighborhood of Cairo's old city — helping people find jobs, paying pensions to the elderly and opening a medical center.

Now each week, hundreds of supporters gather in the same neighborhood to call for the release of the current star of Egypt's reform movement, whose arrest angered Washington and caused Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice to refer to Nour as a "hero" of democracy and cancel a recent visit here.

His work in the old city is the populist side of an ambitious political. Since high school, Nour, now 40, has skillfully maneuwered through the highest reaches of Egypt's stagnant political system — monopolized by single party for a half-century — to emerge, for some, as a national hero who can bring new blood and, for others, as

a fraud backed by foreigners.

His Jan. 29 arrest prompted supporters to accuse Egypt's government of trying to snear and eliminate a possible challenger in upcoming presidential elections. The government charges him with forging signatures to register his party. Nour touted his "solutions" for Egypt's problems calling on the country to shed socialism, begin democratic reforms, and empower economic institutions with a social role, while the state reduces its role.



Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams, wearing eyeglasses, sits Saturday with the sisters of Robert McCartney, Paula, left, Catherine, second right, and Donna beforeaddressing the Sinn Fein party conference in Dublin.

# Canada debates pot laws after Mounties killed



The flag at the Mayerthorpe Royal Canadian Mounted Police detachment is lowered to half-staff.

BY ROB GILLIES The Associated Press

TORONTO - The slayings of four Mounties during a raid has added new controversy to the debate about whether Canada should decriminalize the possession of small amounts of marijua-

Canada's ruling Liberal party debated its proposed law at a policy convention in Ottawa on Saturday, two days after the deadliest attack on Canadian police officers in 120 years.

The four Royal Canadian Mounted Police officers were killed at an Alberta farm where there was a small marijua-na-growing operation. The suspect apparently killed himself.

The slayings triggered a national debate over the Liberals' pronosed law and whether it goes far enough to discourage growing operations while decriminalizing possession of small amounts of marijuana.

Under the bill, getting caught with 15 grams - about half an

would bring a citation akin to a traffic ticket, not a criminal record

While possession of marijuana would remain illegal, the bill is intended to prevent young people from being saddled with a lifelong criminal record

At the same time, the maximum sentence for illegal growers would be increased to 14 years in prison from the current seven, while trafficking would remain punishable by up to life in prison.

Almost 600 Liberal convention delegates at a justice workshop endorsed nonbinding resolutions

that would alter the proposed bill They simultaneously endorsed resolutions that would see pot legalized, taxed and federally regulated — while also voting to impose mandatory minimum sentences on convicted grow opera-

tors But neither resolution was debated by the full convention plenary of about 2.500 delegates, meaning neither became official party policy over the weekend.



### **Muting lip-synchers**

BELJING — Chinese govern-ment advisers meeting in Beijing this week have some weighty matters to discuss: blocking Taiwan's formal independence, alleviating dire poverty in the countryside. And lip-synching.

Ma Bomin, an official with Shanghai's municipal radio, film and television administration, likens the practice of performers pretending to sing to selling fake goods. She wants to pass a law making it a crime for a performer to do so without first notifying au dience members

'Fake singing is no different from trading in fakes. It should be resolutely boycotted and chunned," Ma was quoted as sayand ing in Saturday's Beijing News.

### Japan's Maglev opens

TOKYO - Japan's first commercially operating magnetic-lev-itation train, or Maglev, opened for business Sunday, carrying passengers along a 5.5-mile that will serve as one of the main links to the 2005 World Fair.

The linear motor car, or Lini-mo, departed Banpaku Yakusa station near the central Japanese city of Nagoya at 5:30 a.m., Aichi prefectural government official Yukihiro Nakano said.

The train, which cost an estimated \$190 million, resembles other Japanese lines in appearance except that it has no wheels and travels on an electromagnetic cushion eral inches above its tracks.



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# **Crackdown on steroid use exhorted at Arnold Classic**

By ERICA WERNE

COLUMBUS, Ohio — California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said Saturday he has urged bodybuilding officials to crack down on steroid use and suggested calinig a summit of the sport's lead-

ers to discuss the problem.
Schwarzenegger, who admits
using steroids on the way to seven
Mr. Olympia titles, also said he
would put pressure on two bodybuilding magazines where he is
executive editor to become involved in the effort.

"We have to step up the testing procedures, and find other ways, and be more aggressive with it." Schwarzenegger said at the Arnold Classic, the annual bodybuilding contest that bears his

He said he suggested the summit and discussed the problem earlier Saturday with editors at the magazines Flex and Muscle & Fitness, as well as officials of the International Federation of Bodybuilding.

"Let's talk again about it and really think what else could we do," Schwarzenegger said.

Schwarzenegger also recommended changing the way bodybuilding is judged so that demonstration and

display count more than muscle size.

size.
Experts on bodybuilding and steroids say steroid use is common among elite bodybuilders. Athletes are not test-

Schwarzenegge

ed at events, and experts say the IFBB's random testing is inadequate and in-

effective.

Last year, Schwarzenegger vetoed a bill that would have created a list of banned substances for
interscholastic sports and required coaches to take a cours
on performance-enhancing supplements because he said it was
too vague in defining supple-

9 suspended for club fire comments

urday that he would sign a bill that made sense, but also suggested no new laws are needed.

"It has nothing to do with that we don't have enough laws, because we already have a very solid and sound law that says you're not allowed to take illegal drugs," the Republican governor

Democrats have criticized the governor for sending mixed signals about steroids. While saying he opposes drug use nox Schwarzenegger also said in a recent TV interview that he does not regret using steroids in the 1970s because they were not illegal then.

gal then.

The Arnold Fitness Weekend began as a bodybuilding contest but now includes 20 different sports, with 14,000 athletes competing this weekend. It is expected to draw 100,000 visitors this

The centerpiece event remains the Arnold Classic bodybuilding contest, in which Schwarzenegger maintains an undisclosed financial stake. He helped found the event in 1989.



This Petco pet supplies store in Eatontown, N.J., was damaged by an explosion on Friday. Authorities investigating the cause were looking into whether a gas pipeline ruptured by a work crew had been marked.

# Cause of N.J. pet store explosion still unknown

By CHRIS NEWMARKER The Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. — State investigators worked Saturday to determine what caused an explosion that leveled part of a pet store, injured five workers and apparently killed an unknown number of birds, reptiles and other animals.

Authorities were looking into whether a gas pipeline ruptured by a work crew had been properly marked, but state Board of Public Utilities spokeswoman Gloria Montealegre said it was too early to say exactly what caused the

Much of the roof and floor of the Petco store in Eatontown collapsed into the basement Friday. Bits of shattered glass were strewn more than 50 yards from the store.

Four people remained hospitalized Saturday, two in critical condition, at Jersey Shore University Medical Center. The fifth was released after treatment.

The explosion occurred as employees were evacuating customers and animals after construction workers damaged an unmarked gas line outside the store and then smelled gas, said Shawn Underwood, spokesman for San Diego-based Petco Animal Supplies Inc.

Volunteers with the Monmouth County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals worked until midnight to rescue about 25 parrots and parakeets whose cages had failen into unstable areas of the basement. Rescue workers built ramps into the basement to help with the effort. No more rescues were conducted Saturday.

More than 100 small animals, including guinea pigs, gerbils, white mice and rats also were rescued, and buckets of fish were taken to nearby Petco stores in Woodbridge and Edison. Many other animals were believed to have been killed.

A representative of Long Branch-based J.F. Kiely Construction Co. had contacted the state's One Call hot line before digging as required by law, said John M. Kiely, the company's secretary and treasurer.

The state's One Call system notifies utilities of impending work so they can mark the location of pipelines.

### hearing a transmission about the fire, Officer John Inquiry into beaching of dolphins

revealed racial bias in the department.

KEY WEST, Fla — Navy and marine wildlife experts are investigating whether the beaching of dozens of dolphins in the Florida Keys followed the use of sonar by a submarine on a training exercise off the coast.

The Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Five police officers and four dispatchers were suspended for sending computer

messages after a nightclub caught fire joking

about the blaze and quoting a line from the song

Witnesses at the Midtown Live club saw the

"burn baby burn" message on the computer

screen inside an officer's patrol car during the

Feb. 18 fire. Police Chief Stan Knee said a com-

mander and corporal who responded to the scene

The club has a mostly black clientele, and there

Documents released Friday indicate that after

were suggestions after the fire that the messages

"Disco Inferno" - "burn baby burn."

worked to calm angry witnesses

More than 20 rough-toothed dolphins have died since Wednesday's beaching by about 70 of the marine mammals, Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary spokeswoman Cheva Heck said Saturday. A day before the dolphins guran achore the Gro-

A day before the dolphins swam ashore, the Groton, Conn.-based USS Philadelphia had conducted exercises with Navy SEALs off Key West, about 45 miles from Marathon, where the dolphins became stranded.

Some scientists surmise that loud bursts of sonar may cause marine mammals to surface too quickly and suffer the equivalent of what divers know as the bends.

### Bono as World Bank president?

WASHINGTON — Treasury Secretary John Snow on Sunday would not rule out the idea of Irish singer Bono, an activist on debt relief and AIDS, making the short list of potential candidates to lead the World Bank even though an American is expected to gat the iob "He's a very pragmatic, effective and idealistic person," said Snow who is part of a U.S. team working on finding a successor to James Wolfensohn, who is stepping down as head of the development bank on June 1. The United States is the World Bank's largest member nation. The bank traditionally has had an American president.

Lengefeld sent a message from his patrol car to fel-

low officer Josue Martinez that said "burn baby

Martinez replied that he was laughing, and 'Those were my exact thoughts.' Other officers

Among those receiving 15-day unpaid suspen-

sions was dispatcher Susan Negron, who wrote, "I

have some extra gasoline if they need it," according to the documents, and "My nite is made, I just

had a lady ask me if it was burning. I said yep. She

Knee called the messages "inappropriate." All the suspended dispatchers and officers said they

regretted their actions and that their messages

were intended as jokes. A sixth officer received a

written reprimand. Knee said a sergeant and an ad-

ditional dispatcher remain under investigation

chimed in with more than two hours of m

was upset. I was enthralled."

### Support for Social Security changes

WASHINGTON — The White House appealed Sunday for bipartisan cooperation to overhaul Social Security, while Democrats vowed to fight unless the president is willing to change his plan to cut guaranteed benefits.

President Bush plans to travel across the country this week as part of his 60-day push to persuade the public to support personal retirement accounts. The president's plan would allow workers younger than 55 to divert up to 4 percentage points of their Social Security taxes into private stock and bond investment accounts in exchange for lower guaranteed future benefits.

White House counselor Dan Bartlett said most of the opposition is coming from people older than 55 who won't be affected by it.

From The Associated Press



# Study-abroad ended over Spain's Iraq policy

MISSION VIEJO. Calif. - Leaders of two community colleges in southern California have ended their schools' study-abroad program in Spain, citing the country's troop withdrawal from Iraq.

The trustees of the South Orange County Community College District, which in cludes Irvine Valley College and Saddle-back College, voted 5-2 last week to cancel the 14-year-old summer program

and women, withdrawing their support." said trustee Tom Fuentes. "I see no reason to send students of our colleges to Spain at this moment in history.

Spain's new Socialist government, which came to power in elections held days after the Madrid train bombings that killed 191 people in March 2004, fulfilled an election promise to pull 1,300 Spanish troops from Iraq last year.

The decision by Spain's former conservative government to send troops to Iraq had been deeply unpopular in the country.

Fuentes, a former head of the Republican Party in Orange County, said the Madrid train attack also raised concerns about student safety. The district serves nearly 35,000 students

Although students were allowed to visit Spain three months after the bombings, Fumore prevalent and obvious today.'

Trustees also cited the program's expense and potential liability to the school district, although they approved a trip to Italy with higher daily costs.

"I'm still in shock," said Professor Car-menmara Hernandez-Bravo, who runs the study-abroad program. "I cannot believe a community college can put this much politics into academics

### Moral issues attracting blacks to GOP

BY DICK POLMAN

Knight Ridder Newspapers To understand why President Bush and the Republicans are gaining political strength in the black community, consider these remarks by Bishop Harry Jackson Jr., senior pastor of a 2,500member church in College Park, Md.: "I'm a registered Democrat, and I didn't vote for Bush in 2000 but now I'm a vehement supporter. Look at the moral issues. "The Democrats are being held

hostage by their gay-rights agenda. They ignored black issues until the last weeks of the campaign. So I'm working with the Republicans now. And if the president follows through on reaching out to us, then more of the masses in the churches will be open to the Republicans in national elections."

Nervous Democrats fear Jackson may be right. Blacks have been loyal to the party since the civil-rights era, but Bush and the Republicans are now poised to grab a significant slice of that electorate. If they can draw 20 percent of the black vote in pivotal states with large urban populations - an achievable goal - the Democrats would face serious hurdles in future presidential races.

Bush won only 11 percent of the black vote nationwide, but that figure is misleading. He drew 16 percent in pivotal Ohio, nearly doubling his 2000 share.

Without the bigger black vote, he would have eked out a slim victory, narrow enough for a Democratic court challenge.

### Marathon runner comes long way



Nearly two years after he embarked on a diet and fitness regimen that left him 110 pounds lighter and diabetes free. Ark. Gov. Mike Huckabee finishes the Little Rock Marathon on Sunday. The crowd cheered as Huckabee turned the corner toward the finish line and started the last stretch of the 26.2 mile race. He finished in just over 4 1/2 hours.

### EVOLUNICE DATES

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South Korean won (March 5)	982.00
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British pound (March 7)	\$1.96
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
British pound	S1.9234
Canada (Dollar)	1.2305
Denmark (Krone)	5.6205
Hong Kong (Dollar) Hungary (Forint)	7.7992
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Iceland (Krona)	59.26
Israel (Shekel)	4.3290
Japan (Yen)	104.68
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2919
Norway (Krone)	6.2141
Philippines (Peso)	54.78
Saudi Arabia (Rival)	3.7499
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# ents and Sensibility Money tip of the day

# A generation of retirees

NEW YORK - Baby boomers are changing the face of retire-

Unlike previous generations when retirement was viewed as a time to wind down, baby boomers plan to spend their golden years cycling between work and leisure. So reports "The New Retirement Survey" from Merrill Lynch and Harris Interactive.

The report concludes that baby boomers are creating a whole new life stage. Here's

■ Boomers are retiring later. Members of the baby-boom generation (those born between 1946 and 1964) are expected to live an average seven years longer than their parents. As a result, many don't plan to retire by age 65, but instead work longer to further their goals according to the survey of 4,448 in that age

■ Boomers plan to change careers. Seventy-six percent plan to "retire" from one job in their 60s, only to jump into another job or another career entirely. While past generations pursued activities such as hoard memberships or country-club presidencies, the boomers are making their lifelong passions happen opening their own business, say, or turning a love of cooking into

a career as a chef. ■ Boomers are actively engaging their minds. Some boomers work for the money; 67 percent say they want to feel challenged and stay mentally active. Their desires are fueling how they will spend their retirement, bouncing between work and leisure

■ Boomers are making retire ment about the younger genera-

■ Retirement is typically a "me" time for relaxation and fulfilling life dreams and pursuits. But boomers say they are making it into a "we" time, often putting the needs of their children, parents and community before their own needs.

### Stewart's image comes full circle after prison

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - At trial, she came off as Mean Martha: rude, demanding, cheap, the kind of person who would threaten to pull her business from a brokerage because she didn't like the music she

heard when her call was on hold. Then she went to prison and turned into St. Martha: advocate for the oppressed, friend to the lonely and forager for wild greens to spice up the jailhouse food. And on Friday, her first day outside the lockup, she waved graciously, chatted amiably and served hot cocoa to the press

The transformation of Martha Stewart's image dates to five months ago, when she called a news conference to announce she

was reporting to prison early, despite a pending legal appeal.

Since then, Stewart has projected a change in attitude that has

helped repair her reputation and propel her company forward. Stock prices for Martha Stewart

Living Omnimedia, which had lagged, quickly doubled. And as she worked off time in a West Virginia prison

she found herself popular enough to be given starring roles in two upcoming TV shows

"The thing about Americans is we like

throwing

von to the

ground, and making you cry uncle," image consultant Eric uncle," image consultant Eric Dezenhall said. "But if you do cry

uncle we'll let you up." When she was sentenced in July, a still-unrepentant Stewart said her "small personal matter" had become "an almost fatal circus event of unprecedented propor-

tions Then, on Sept. 15, Stewart asked the judge to start her sentence as soon as passible. She came closer than ever to contrition, saying she wanted to end the "immense diffi-

culty, immense sacrifice and im-mense agony" the ordeal had caused those close to her. Three weeks later, Stewart was fingerprinted and strip-searched at the federal prison in Alderson, W.Va.

On Friday, Stewart barely wait-ed for the sun to come up before delighting the encamped reporters and photographers by appearing outside. The topper was when she sent out paper cups of hot cocoa.



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### **FACES**

### Janet Jackson seeks restraining order

Janet Jackson is seeking a restraining order against a man she says has been stalking her for nine years and

tried once to bring a box cutter and knife to a New York studio where she was rehearsing for a TV appear-

The U.S. pop singer said in a mo-tion filed Tuesday in Superior Court that she has become increasingly frightened of Robert Gardner, 46, of New York, since he was stopped by security guards as he tried to enter the rehearsal for NBC network's "Saturday Night Live" in April.

She is also seeking to restrict Gardner from contacting her family, as well as current and former employees. A hearing on her request for a

preliminary injunction was set for March 17 Jackson said in her affidavit that Gardner had been contacting her since 1996 and has faxed her several letters.

These faxes reference a fabricated personal history between myself and Mr. Gardner, request that I meet with him and include his detailed travel plans" she said



with eight priests. Q: Were they journalists?

A: I suppose they write for church publications. O: And what was their reaction to the movie?

A: They were very receptive. They seemed intrigued as to how much of the devil I see in myself.

Q: How serious are you about this acting career? A: Really serious. That's why I've waited so patiently to find the right film to work on.

Q: What was it about the role of Balthazar that appealed

A: I just loved the words. They were so delicious

Q: You have a new album coming out soon. Where does

acting fit in with the music career? A: A great role model for me has always been Tom

Waits. He has had a great career of making wonderful records and then 44 Emotionally, there is popping up in a film somewhere. The

hardest thing to do in a show business career is to surprise people, and he always surprises people. Q: But Tom Waits always did these

small, quirky roles in films, Isn't vour goal to be the guy who stars in the

A: If you're asking me if I'd like for them to hold the camera on me a while longer. I suppose the answer is yes. But sharing the screen with people like Keanu Reeves is a great learning experience for me right now, and I don't know what the future holds

O: So, at the unemployment office. you still write "musician" on the line that says: "Occupation?"

A: Musician/struggling actor

Gavin Rossdale Q: Emotionally, what is a bigger igh — acting or music? musician actor A: Emotionally, there is something

about writing music so music will always be my first love And there is great satisfaction in making something work

on screen. I hope I will be able to combine the two. O: Where do you think you are in your acting career? A: I am probably the least experienced person on any

movie set.

O: How do you deal with that?

A: I try to be the first person in the pool at the start of the day, and the last person out of the pool at the end of the day. I want to learn everything I can.

O: And how is that working for you?

A: The only indication that it might be working came from the director one day on the set. Keanu and I are supposed to hate each other in this movie because I'm his nemesis, and that chemistry is important for the scenes to work. After one particular scene, Francis came over to me and said: "I think Keanu really hates you." I'm pretty sure that was a compliment.



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### Chesney cancels tour dates due to injury

Kenny Chesney has canceled the opening weekend of his "Somewhere in the Sun" tour after tearing ligaments in his right ankle

The country singer said Thursday he fell on a staircase and will re schedule March 9-13 concerts — ir Green Bay, Wis., Fargo, N.D., and St. Paul, Minn. — for later in the month.
"I know the fans in Green Bay, Fargo and St. Paul are gonna be dis-appointed," Chesney said in a state-ment posted on his Web site.

"But they're not half as disappoint-

ed as I am about not being there."

Chesney said his ankle "looks like a softball." Dr. Burton Elrod said in the statement that Chesney will have to undergo extensive rehabilitation.

"He's going to play sore - with his ankle taped or with a brace under his boot, but he's like an athlete who can perform with some pain.

### Living like Martha Stewart for a day

Now HERE'S a good excuse for working at home. **Deborah Norville** was scheduled to anchor Monday's program of "Inside Edition" from her home on Long Island, N.Y., to try to give viewers a taste of what Martha Stewart's home confinement is like.

Norville will be fitted with the same type of ankle bracelet that is being used to monitor Stewart's location now

that she has been released from prison.

Over a 24-hour period. Norville will keep a record of everything she does and report on what the experience is ilke, the show said.

"Inside Edition," a syndicated newsmagazine, airs

### Backstreet is back, again

Backstreet's back, Again

Backstreet Boys, the boy band who demanded "I Want It That Way," have announced a set of tour dates starting March 21 in New York

They won't play Madison Square Garden this time around — or any of their previous gigantic arena hotspots. The Boys' 13-city tour is a club-only affair, stopping at such intimate venues as the State Theatre in Detroit and the 9:30 Club in Washington.

According to their label, Jive Records, they will perform all their hits plus a few songs from their upcoming

The Backstreet Boys, who debuted in 1997, are putting the finishing touches on a forthcoming as-yet-untitled album, their first original outing since 2000's "Black and Blue



Backstreet Boys

BY BARRY KOLTNOW The Orange County (Calif.) Register

LOS ANGELES irector Francis Lawrence was on the phone, and Gavin Rossdale was convinced that it was bad

The former lead singer of the British rock group Bush figured that the director was calling to inform Rossdale that his small but important role as a nasty demon in the supernatural thriller "Constantine" had been cut. This already had happened to him on another movie,

and Rossdale expected the worst. As it turned out, he need not have worried. Lawrence wasn't even calling for Rossdale. The director asked to speak to the singer's wife, pop star Gwen Stefani,

whom Lawrence had just directed in a music video for her hit single "What You Waiting For?" "It was a little embarrassing," the 37-year-old Rossdale said of the phone

call. "I immediately said, 'You didn't

cut me out of the movie, did you?"
"Francis laughed and told me that he actually had added a couple of scenes. Then he asked to talk to

Gwen. The handsome Londoner said he had good reason to be paranoid. His first film experience, "Little Black

Book," was a disaster. "They showed it to a couple of test audiences and the ending depressed them. That was my only scene in the movie and it ended up on the editing

room floor

Rossdale who left Rush after six alums and will release a solo effort in July with his new band Institute, has another film scheduled for a May release. In "The Game of Our Lives," he plays a soccer player on the 1950s era English national team that lost to the

In his Los Angeles hotel suite, Rossdale discussed his first movie junket and his budding film career, including his role in "Constantine," which stars Keanu Reeves as a human who battles Satan and an army of demons to earn his way into heaven.

0: What's a stranger experience - stage-diving into a crowd of 15,000 fans or these press interviews?

A: Well, I'm more at home diving from the stage into a crowd of kids, but what I really enjoy about this press jun-ket is being surrounded by people who want to ask me ques-tions about the movie. It's a relief to finally be able to discuss the film with people who have seen it. Until now, I've been walking around at home raving about the movie but nobody knows what I'm talking about

Q: So, you're actually enjoying these days of answering endless questions?

A: I really am

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35	ANPL	The Most Extreme toad; poisonous mill	ipede. (N)	Animal Cops Hous Power" Hungry hors	ies. (N)	Austin Stevens: S Search of Monster diamondback rattle	Rattlers" The eastern r. (CC)	toad; poisonous mill			ngry horses. penda		"Body Parts" Ap-
36	сом	Patton Oswalt; Jim- my Kimmel.	South Park Wed- ding bells toll for Chef. (CC)	(CC)	testants play leap frog. (N) (CC)	The Daily Show With Jon Stewart Rachel Weisz. (N)	Distraction Lap dance distracts players. (CC)	Chappelle's Show (CC)	testants play leap frog. (CC)	The Daily Show With Jon Stewart Rachel Weisz.	Distraction Lap dance distracts players. (CC)	The Kids in the Hall "Chance Meet- ing." (CC)	The Kids in the Hall "Loud Ameri can Shopping."
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42	SPIKE	Marine and six your	ng toughs mount a re				MXC	World's Wildest Po		Blind Date (CC)	Shipmates	Maximum Exposur to Show'	
43	FOX	Jackie puts Kelso	That '70s Show Pro- fessional wrestling match. (CC)	The Simpsons Homer assists Alec Baldwin. (CC)	Seinfeld Jerry and Elaine discuss re- uniting. (CC)	for the judges. (N) (	(CC)	House A severely b underlying problems comeback plans of a	and ends the pitcher. (N) (CC)	News		The Simpsons Lisa must plan a school dance.	Seinfeld Unique experiences on subway rides.
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46	COURT	NYPD Blue "Safari, year-old prostitute b suspect in a physicia	ecomes the prime an's murder. (CC)	Cops Drive-by shooting; arrest of former cop. (CC)	Cops Dangerous brawl; sweep of crack houses.	Forensic Files Kid nap victim aids po- lice.	- Forensic Files	Forensic Files Missing model in- vestigation.	North Mission Road	Masterminds "Crazy Eddie" An electronics dealer.	Masterminds High- tech jewelry store thieves.	Fake Out	House of Clues
48	STR-WLD	(CC)	The Drew Carey Show (CC)	Star News Focus Asia	Friends (CC)	American Idol (CC	*	Wild Card (CC)		Miss Match (CC)		Friends (CC)	American Idol (CC)
50	LIFE	woman must conten	id with her child's dea	a Winger, Alex Van, S ath at Columbine. (CC	C)	The Nanny Fran upsets a theater critic's son. (CC)	The Golden Girls Dorothy and Sophia take a trip.		The Golden Girls Bob Hope guest stars. (CC)	The Division "Secre and CD discover the was prying into a fe	at a slain reporter ud. (CC)	Suddenly Susan A family crisis strands Susan.	Paid Program
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58	ADV 1	•(5:30) Action Asia Challenge	Game for It	Total Adventure "Climbing Canada"	Adventure Challe		Budget Travel "Barbados; Beppu, Japan"	In the Air: Beyond the Horizon	Game for It	•Action Asia Chall Island in Hong Kong	enge From Lantau	Next Wave "Do- minican Voodoo"	Total Adventure Alaska's Pacific coast.
59	MTV	The Real World "Philadelphia" (CC)	The Real World Willie flirts with an- other guy. (CC)	The Real World "Philadelphia" (N) (CC)	My Super Sweet 16 (Series Finale) (N)	Newlyweds: Nick & Jessica	Newlyweds: Nick & Jessica	The Ashlee Simp- son Show "Ashlee Turns 20"	The Ashlee Simp- son Show	MTV Special		Punk'd	Punk'd
60	NICK	Zoey 101 Zoey confronts the school bully.	Rugrats The ba- bies think they're being sold. (CC)	The Adventures of Jimmy Neutron:	The Fairly Odd- Parents (CC)	SpongeBob SquarePants Bad	Ned's Declassified School Survival		Fatherhood Dr. Bindlebeep home	The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air Carlton	The Cosby Show Cliff and Clair give Pam advice. (CC)	Roseanne Dan and Roseanne go	Murphy Brown Miles encounters

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Morning 10:25 Korean Drama: Lovers in Paris (4) Afternoon 12:30 Nash Bridges (12)(r) 1:30 U.S. Movie (2003): Betrayal (2:00)(12)

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- Water Crisis
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### JAPAN TV-BS11

Morning 10:00 Classical Music: Classic Club American Edition (r) Afternoon 2:50 U.S. Movie (1965): Cat Ballou (1:40)

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10:00 U.S. Movie (2000): Pollock (2:05)
12:05 The Beat File: Usher

### MTV

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### STARS STRIPES. LETTERS TO THE EDITOR/OPINION

### Not all veterans are retirees

As I have talked to several congression al aides and communicated with a few media personnel over the past year, one common theme seems to strike me. Most of them don't know the difference between a military veteran and a military retired

A "military veteran" is a person who served in the active military, naval or air service, and who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishon orable

■ A "military retiree" is any former member of the uniformed services who is entitled, under statute, to retired, retirement or retainer pay. Examples include spending 20 or more years in the military or permanent retirement by reasons of

physical disability.

All military retirees are military veterans, but not all military veterans are military retirees

It appears that some congressional leaders, news media and the American people don't realize there is a difference between a veteran who spends 91 days in the military and is discharged and a veteran who spends 20 to 30 years in the military and re-tires. They don't seem to understand that medical care promises were made to both groups, but that they are different.

military retiree was promised no cost medical care for himself and his eligible dependents for life at military treatment facilities. The military veteran was promised medical care at a Veterans Affairs hospital or clinic basically for service-connected disabilities or medical conditions.

We make this distinction to avoid the confusion that results when calculations are made concerning how much it will cost to finance the military retiree health care that

was promised. We are told that the veterans community numbers about 26.5 million. The military re-

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tirees number about 1.8 million. Sometimes the military retirees get lost in the shuffle Sometimes the wrong number is used when making calculations

Retired Air Force Capt. Ronald J. Shaw Orem. Utah

### 'Close But no Cigars' badge

I believe the new Close Combat Badge should be renamed the Close But no Cigars badge, for only the rarified air that saturates the minds in the Pentagon would be so myopic in their vision

But at least it is encouraging that the Army wishes to recognize the contributions of other job areas in active ground combat during this war on terror.

But the question is why only 19 (armor), 13 (field artillery) and 12 (combat engi-

neer) series? I find it curious that 14 (air defense) and 35 (electronics) job fields are missed, not to mention many other fields. I am sure the five killed in action and over 80 wounded in action from Task Force 4-5 Air Defense Artillery during their tour might think otherwise, as well as the various military police units who have contrib-

uted significantly in this conflict. We are a National Guard ADA battery. which was attached to Task Force 4-5. During our mobilization, we were task orga-nized into an infantry company. Many are team leaders and some are squad leaders who have performed exemplarily. Just because they aren't one of three chosen fields.

in what world does that make any sense? I think the Marine Corps has it right with its combat action ribbon; the Marines don't look solely at the job, but also look at the individual to ensure they meet those standards for the award, regardless of their military occupational specialty.

My hope is that the powers that be consider all career management fields to be eligible for this award as long as they meet "the standards." Let's broaden our vision, not limit it, and truly be an "Army of One."

1st Sgt. Robert C. Dedic Kuwait

### Alien soldiers worthy, too

We keep hearing complaints about the Combat Infantryman Badge and now the new badge for noninfantry soldiers. I'm happy for those soldiers who will receive the new badge.

Since they are making new badges and awards, why not make one for non-U.S. citi-zens in the armed forces? There are a lot of fellow troops who are put in danger to fight for our freedom and they do not get recognized

That is a big issue with our Hispanic/Latino troops.

Sgt. Luis Angulo Forward Operating Base War Horse, Iraq

### Freeing up the Freedom of Information Act

BY DALE MCFEATTERS Scripps Howard

he federal government's basic sunshine law is the Freedom of Information Act, passed in 1974 to ensure public access to the inner workings of government. But over the vears, often through inattention or inertia but on occasion by intent, the effectiveness of the law has been diminished.

This has been especially true under the Bush administration, no great friend of openness, candor and transparency in gov-ernment. Indeed, early in Bush's first term, then-Attorney General John Ashcroft circulated a memo governmentwide urging agencies to take the most restrictive position on releasing information. He told the bureaucrats that "if you decide to withhold records, in whole or in part, rest assured that the Department of Justice will defend your decisions.

And when the Department of Homeland Security was created, the administration insisted on a large exemption from FOIA for the agency. As with much else, the administration invoked the rubric "national security" to justify its penchant for secrecy. But the existing law already has protections for information deemed vital to national security

Some help is on the way through a bill in Congress, the Openness Promotes Effec-tiveness in Our National Government Act, sponsored by Sens. John Cornyn, R-Texas. and Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., and Rep. Lamar Smith, R-Texas. The bill proposes no radical changes, only ways to make the law work as intended.

The existing law requires federal agen cies to respond to FOIA requests within 20 days; this proposed change would apply penalties if they don't. A common tactic is for uncooperative agencies to ignore the deadline and simply stall, hoping the requestor will get discouraged and go away.

Another amendment would broaden the criteria for waiving the costs of searching for and copying documents. A common discouraging tactic is for an agency to demand absurdly high search and copy fees. Whoever is seeking the documents can then sue under FOIA to get them and be reimbursed for attorneys' fees if the judge grants the request. The law would be changed to end the punitive bureaucratic tactic of caving on the eve of the court date and then denying attorneys' fees on the technicality that the judge never ruled.

Other provisions would seek to ensure that Homeland Security's exemption is not abused and establish a federal FOIA ombudsman to monitor government compliance with the act.

The Freedom of Information Act rein-

forces an important American principle: that the vast amount of information compiled by the government ultimately belongs to the people.

### Doonesbury









By GARRY TRUDEAU

### OPINION

## A really bad guy, but still a U.S. citizen

federal court in South Carolina ruled last week that Brooklyn-born Jose Padilla, reputed al-Qaida bomber-in-training, cannot

The rulina

puts the

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indefinitely be jailed without charges, notwithstand ing more than ample evidence of his intent to wreak havoc on American soil and notwithstanding whatever useful war-on-terror intelligence his military inquisitors may yet pry out of him

"The president has no power, neither express nor implied, neither constitutional nor statutory, to hold petitioner as an enemy combatant," the judge ruled. In other words, charge Padilla or release him.

Solid argument. It is persuasively the case that Padilla is a very bad actor and that we are all much the safer for his having been behind bars for the past three years - but the man is still a U.S. citizen, entitled to constitutional protections

He cannot just be tossed into a cell for as long as authorities desire.

The rule of law simply requires that Pa-

dilla must be charged. With something. With anything. In real terms, of course, the district

court's ruling means little to Padilla. The Justice Department will appeal -

again and again, we expect - and this is a case that will almost certainly wend its way to the Supreme Court, not necessarily quickly: In real terms, Padilla will be neither charged nor released anytime soon

But the ruling does put the White House on notice that courts do not necessaria ly agree that executive authority is limitless, even in time of war.

Ultimately, this will be a matter for Congress to wrestle into practical manageability.

Meanwhile, things would become much less immediately complex if only Padilla's captors might find one formal allegation or another to stick on him. We are reminded of Roar-

Twenties Chicago crimelord Al Capone, who was somehow, so to speak. - until the feds took him down on marginal income tax technicali-



Al thought that was a real dirty trick. But off he went to prison regardless. One way

And a cell seems the right place for Jose Padilla to be as well, on the basis of what we know of him so far a self-admitted al-Qaida soldier, a self-admitted associate of now-imprisoned terror chieftain Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, a man Justice says

was plotting to blow up apartment buildings and detonate radioactive dirty bombs, a man Justice says has already given up information that remains highly classified and cannot yet be talked about. Prison's the place for him.

TORTURED

Keen him there Just charge him With something. Anything. That's the law.

### Telephone a roulette wheel for Marine recruiters

BY SUSAN REIMER The Baltimore Sur

Marine Corps fell slightly short of its recruiting goals in January and again in February. the first time that has happened in nearly a decade. But it was not for want of trying, because the phone was ringing in my house.

I got two calls from Marine recruiters in January, and they went something like this.

"Evening, ma'am. Is Jessica available?

"No, I am sorry, she's not. Can I take a message

I wasn't surprised by the call for my college-student daughter.

People are still calling her to baby-sit, and she's been gone since August.

"This is Marine Staff Sgt. Somethingorother from the Marine re-cruiting office," he said. "Could you arrange for me to sneak to

"Oh," I said, slightly startled. "Jessie is in college.

I punctuated my response with a nervous little laugh, and I thought that would kind of settle

But Staff Sgt. Somethingorother only paused briefly before con-

"Oh. How is that going?"

I didn't think he wanted to hear about the time her laundry disapneared from the dryer and she had to call campus police. I didn't think he wanted to hear about how her lacrosse team had to get up at dawn on a Sunday morning to clean the bleachers in the foot ball stadium, so I just said, 'Fine

untouchable .

It suddenly occurred to me that he was hoping Jessie was finding college a terrible disappointment and was on her way home to en-

list in the Marines "I am sorry," I said, again laughing nervously. "Have you

met Jessie?" "No, Ma'am," he said.

"Well, before this goes any further, you should know that Jessie would never consider an occupation that required her to wear the same outfit every day, let alone an outfit of someone else's choosing.

"Ma'am?" he said.

"Never mind," I said. "Thank vou for calling, Good luck with your recruiting

The next night, the phone rang

"Evening ma'am. Is Joseph available?"

Oh, no, I thought. Here we go again

"No, he is not. Can I take a message

"Ma'am, this is Marine Staff Sgt. Reallyflatstomach of the Marine recruiting office. Could you arrange for me to speak to him?'

Exasperated, I said, "Don't you neonle in the armed services talk to each other? Joseph is at the Naval Academy.

I thought that would settle things, but the Marine recruiter only paused before saying, "Oh. How is that going?"

I didn't think he wanted to hear me say that it depended on your point of view. If you wanted your son to be a military officer and go to war, you could say that things are going well. However, if you wanted your

son to graduate from an Ivy League school and take up the much less hazardous life of, say, a stockbroker, then, no, things are not going according to plan

But all I said was, "Fine."

Then I added, "You are likely to see Joe before I do. Tell him his mother says, 'Hi.

Things must have been getting desperate at the Marine recruiting office because it called my friend Betsy about her son, Jeff, a high school senior.

God bless Jeff, but if the enemy offered him dinner at a Chinese restaurant or at a rib joint, it would be all over for our country.

Jeff is a wrestler and he is usu-

ally cutting weight. Food comes to have special meaning for wres-

Anyway. Jeff came home from school and told his mother that a Marine recruiter had visited his class and because nobody else had raised their hands when he asked for individual meetings with the students, Jeff had raised

"I felt bad for him," Jeff told his mother, his voice rising defensively. That's another reason why we don't want Jeff defending our borders. He feels sorry for every-

Jeff didn't have to do much talking to persuade his mother to take the call from the Marine recruit-

"Over my dead body," she said into the phone. The recruiter didn't even get the chance to ask. "So, how is that going?"

### **Mallard Fillmore**

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



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#### Men hit by train

MD ROCKVILLE — An Amtrak train struck and killed one man and seriously injured another just outside Washington at the height of the evening commuter rush.

along the tracks behind a shopping center when they were hit, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue spokesman Pete Piringer said.

No one aboard the Chicago-bound Capital Limited train was injured, Amtrak spokeswoman Sarah Swain said.

Authorities identified the dead man as Raymond Whitley, 25, of Rockville. Keon Kelly, 23, also of Rockville, was hospitalized with life-threatening injuries.

### 'Frozen Dead Guy' fun

BOULDER—Over the last three years, the cryogenically frozen body of a Norwegian man has become the centerpoint of a quirky winter festival in a small Colorado mining town.

"Grandpa" Bredo Morstoel, who died in 1989, was frozen by his grandson and stored in a shed in Nederland, a town 35 miles northwest of Denver that began celebrating "Frozen Dead Guy Days" in 2002 to increase tourism.

Now the man's daughter, 75-year-old Aud Morsteel, is hop ing Norway's King Harald V and Queen Sonja will help her secure a visa to attend the festival. The royal couple also have been invited by Nederland's Chamber of Commerce to visit and "partake in the fun and parody of the weekend."

### Theft plans gummed up

KNOXVILLE — Three people pleaded guilty to fishing money out of donation boxes in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park by using a wire clothes hanger with sticky chewing gum on one end.

Brian Keith Seal, 34; Liza Nicole Vanderpool-Chavez, 33, and Jerry L. Carter, 44, could get up to a year in federal prison at sentencing June 10 for misdemeanor theft.

Authorities said the three stole less than \$1,000 from the donation boxes, which were set up by a nonprofit group for maintenance and education projects at the park, which straddles the North Carolina-Tennessee line.

A park visitor reported seeing people acting suspiciously in a car stopped near a donation box last July. A ranger stopped the car and found dozens of sticky \$1 and \$5 bills and a straightened-out wire hanger with goo on the end

### Judge caught with knife

PA HARRISBURG — A state Supreme Court justice said he paid a \$750 federal fine for trying to sneak a pocketknife on board an airplane last month.

"Really, my only comment is ... I did a really dumb thing, which I obviously regret," Justice Thomas G. Saylor Jr. said.

Saylor and his wife were going through a checkpoint for a flight from Harrisburg International Airport when screeners found a Swiss requires proof of citizenship when residents register to vote and apply for public benefits.

### Large tree lawsuit CA SACRAMENTO —

California's attorney general sued the Bush administration over its management plan for the Giant Sequoia National Monument, home to two-thirds of the

world's largest trees.

The federal plan adopted in December would illegally allow commercial logging in the 327,769-acre central California preserve, the suit alleges.

The plan also violates former President Clinton's April 2000 proclamation creating the reserve south of Sequoia National Park, which bans logging unless it is "clearly needed" for public or environmental protection, the suit

The U.S. Forest Service adhered closely to Clinton's proclamation, responded spokesman Matt Mathes. The timber cuts are needed for fire protection, he said, to safeguard sequoia groves that have been threatened before by wildfires.

### Expanded moose hunt

MONTPELIER — The Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife hopes to issue more than 1,000 moose hunting permits for this fall's hunt and expand the season in a part of the Northeast Kingdom.

While additional moose permits will be issued statewide, the goal of the increase is to reduce the number of moose in parts of the Northeast Kingdom from about 2,400 to 1,400, said state moose biologist Cedric Alexander.

The 1,400 number is in line with the department's 1996 10-year moose management plan and reflects the wishes of Northeast Kingdom residents. And the animals are causing environmental damage, Alexander said.

Alexander estimated the size of the state's moose herd at about 4,700 animals, slightly lower than a year ago.

### Rare book thefts

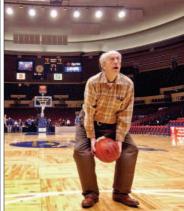
LEXINGTON — Four men were indicted on robbery and art theft charges for allegedly taking rare works from a university library, including a first edition of Charles Darwin's 1859 volume on natural selection.

The men allegedly tried to sell the items to Christie's auction house in New York

The men are accused of taking several items from the Transylvania University library, including Darwin's "The Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection," in which he first discussed his theory of evolution.

Also taken were a two-volume natural history published in the 1500s, pencil sketches by John James Audubon done in the 1850s and an illuminated manuscript written in 1425.

One of the men indicted is a Transylvania student; the others are current or former students at the University of Kentucky.



Give it all you got John Fulton, of Kansas City, Mo., lines up a "granny shot" from just inside the 3-point line on the basketball court at Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Mo.



Puttin' on the moves

A fast cut helps Josh Maddock,
17, evade the grasp of Chan
Suos and Josh's brother, Eli Maddock, 16, as they played in a pick-up
fronthall came in Kansas City, Mo.



Rizshsky, 5, enjoy warm weather by using the slide at Meeker Elementary School's playground, in Ames. lowa.



**AMERICAN** 

ROUNDUP

Army-type knife attached to his

shoe inside his carry-on luggage when Saylor went back through

the screening area a second time,

Saylor said the knife was a gift

from a friend that he did not want

Illegal immigrant rights

deny some government benefits to

illegal immigrants, advocates for

limiting immigration are pressing

lawmakers to enact even more re-

strictions on those who sneak into

Opponents question whether the

proposed changes - this time to

education - would do much to

stem the flood of illegal immigra-

tion into Arizona, the busiest ille-

gal entry point on the nation's southern border.

the federal government hasn't

done enough to fulfill its responsi-

hility to enforce laws already on

the books; in response, Arizona

lawmakers have proposed several

bills this year to address the issue.

But both sides of the debate say

PHOENIX — Four months

after residents voted to

The knife was later found in a

key chain, police said.

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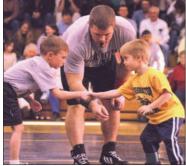
to give up.

the country.



Group tubing

People of all ages sled down Sunset Hill in North Conway, N.H., during one of the events of the second annual Mount Washington Valley Winter Carnival.



Little wrestlers Chase Clymer, left, and Chance Mitchell shake hands prior to their match in a youth wrestling program for grades K-6 in Washington, Ind. Officiating is program director Matt Collins.



Colorful scene The morning sun backlights a ionquil at St. Scholastica's edict Park in Fort Smith,



Clyde, a stray cat, seems to ignore a flock of turkeys that cross Sandy DuBois' Friendly feline driveway outside Maple City. Mich. The birds went their way, as did the cat.

### Moose shot after attack

AK ANCHORAGE — A moose regularly petted and hand-fed lettuce and potatoes was shot after it stomped on a 6-year-old boy in a neighborhood.

A police officer shot the young. male moose after the boy was safely in a neighbor's home at the Rangeview Mobile Home Park, a densely packed swath of about 75 trailer homes with few trees or woods or even yards.

The boy suffered a split lip and headache, police said.

"As usual, it's people that have caused the problem and the moose that suffered the ultimate consequence," said wildlife biologist Rick Sinnott, with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

### Jail break-in alleged

AL UNION SPRINGS Dreaming of ways to break out of jail is pretty normal. But for the second time in less than a month, police have arrested a man for trying to break into the Bullock County Jail.

Police said Ellis Hudson, 40, of Union Springs was arrested and charged with third-degree criminal trespassing after he was caught inside the fence of the jail last month.

Union Springs Police Chief Jake Wheeler said he suspects Hudson was trying to smuggle tobacco to an inmate, since Hudson had nine tobacco three nacks of cigarettes and rolling papers in his posses-

"There's no smoking in the jail, Wheeler said. "Someone could probably get \$2 for a cigarette in there'

### Devilish sticker protest

NM SANTA FE — The ACLU is going to court over a case of sticker shock.

The American Civil Liberties Union of New Mexico is coming to the defense of Dean Young, who was busted for having cartoon stickers of topless female devils on his car.

Young put the stickers on his car as a political statement protesting the ban on Sunday liquor sales in Clovis. The ACLU contends Young's constitutional rights are being violated and that police and prosecutors are overstepping their hounds

A Clovis magistrate dismissed the case against Young last month on a technicality.

Police called the stickers pornographic and said they went beond Young's First Amendment rights. Young has described the stickers as "raunchy" but not pornographic.

### Virginia tornadoes

VA RICHMOND — Last year set a record for tornadoes in Virginia, according to weather and emergency officials.

Weather-service records show that 86 tornadoes touched down in 52 localities during 2004 - four to six times the normal number that hit the state in a year.

They were the snawn of a matching record-high number of tropical cyclones pummeling Virginia last hurricane season. Three-quarters of the state's 2004 tornadoes were associated with the remnants of hurricanes Gaston, Ivan and Jeanne, said National Weather Service meteorologist Bill Sammler in Wakefield.

The 2004 storms injured 14 people and caused more than \$70 million in damage in Virginia, the state Department of Emergency Management said.

### Boy's dog electrocuted

BOSTON — The utility company NStar removed a light pole from the spot where a dog being walked by a 13-year-old boy was electrocuted, but the company failed to shut off power to the site, a city investigation found.

"A violation will be written against NStar," city spokeswoman Lisa Timberlake said after the city's Inspectional Services Department issued its finding. "If there's no pole there, it's NStar's responsibility to shut off the power."

NStar officials said they were investigating why the power was not shut off when the light pole in the city's Allston section was removed years ago.

The dog, a 1-year-old boxer named Cassius, was given to 13-year-old Kyle Devito and his 10-year-old brother, Alec, as a Christmas present from their par-

### Cable cars cashing in

CA SAN FRANCISCO — Cable car fares, which have already climbed halfway to the stars, are about to complete the trip and the passengers who are soon to be shaken down for \$5 a ride are squealing louder than the track brake on the Hyde Street hill.

"That's outrageous," said Will-iam Laurens, a visitor from Oregon. "There's a principle involved.

Just because we're tourists doesn't mean we can pay anything."

The Municipal Railway, which hopes to raise the basic bus and streetcar fare Sept. 1 by a quarter, to \$1.50, also wants to raise the cable car fare by \$2 - to \$5 a trip. That would make the cost of a cable car ride the most expensive local transit fare in the Unites States

### Cat hangs on tight

INKOM — Torri Hutchinson's cat might just have one less life to live. Hutchison was driving along In-

terstate 15 recently when a motor-ist kept trying to get her attention and pointing to the roof of her car. She said she was wary of the man, but wondered if perhaps her

ski rack might have come loose. She pulled over to the side, but kept her doors locked and the motor running.

The man pulled up behind her. Hutchinson rolled down her window to hear the man frantically shouting, "Your cat! Your cat!

He reached for the roof of her car and handed the shocked Hutchinson her orange tabby. She had driven about 10 miles

with the cat on top of the car, and didn't even notice the feline when she stopped for gas.

THE CELL PHONE

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IS IT EVEN POSSIBIL

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Do a diagnostic report on your life Abundant Pisces energy allows for a deeper understanding of what's going well and what still requires attention. The **Holiday Mathis** relationships that need healing loom large, asking to be addressed. We're working on many levels, but the most profound is the

#### spiritual realm, where changes can take place in the blink of an eye TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(March 8). This year, you stand in what you believe. Loved ones crave this stronger side of you, and you may even need to draw new boundaries. Raises or other financial perks show up in the next four weeks. You'll make a lifestyle improvement before the spring is over September could bring marriage. Gemini and Aquarius are fabulous

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You may encounter some form of ageism or pemetrate this prejudice upon your own psyche. You're not too old to pursue your dream. Martha Graham danced professionally at 75 and choreographed through

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Attitude drives production - the more you produce, the better you feel. Your winning posture magically connects you to serendipitous opportunities that would not be availab to someone of lesser enthusiasm.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Working diligently has brought you

results, so you'll continue. But there's no reason to be hard on yourself in the process. Turn nasty inner dialogue in a new direction, or it drags down your progress.

### CANCER (June 22-July 22).

You may not be communicating as fully as you think you are. Ask others to parrot back your message to see if it's really getting through. Every person you deal with needs a different communication approach

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Achieve ment isn't easy, but it is simple. You tell yourself what to do, and then

you do it. As long as you're judging yourself by your achievements lately, you may as well add some

### thing impressive to your list VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

Press "pause" on that chaotic realm of your life - you can always get back to it later In the meantime, return to basics. Talk to a friend. take the dog for a walk, or listen to music. The simplest things give you

### the most pleasure LIBRA (Sept.

23-Oct. 23). Take the initiative. When you dare to lead, even if you are only leading yourself, you earn respect. You may be

tempted to ask how you can help, but you won't get answers. Don't ask, just do.

#### SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Opinionated people are all around you, making you wonder how to weigh in. Write your manifesto. Research shows that those who have developed their own personal and unique beliefs live longer, more

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). If you are being neglected, it's time to stand up and say so. Not being heard leads to frustration, hurt, anger and anxiety. Being heard leads to effectiveness, well being,

### loving exchanges and happiness.

satisfying lives.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Someone is trying to love you, and you are not allowing it. Why is that? Let go of past fears. Hanging on to them only increases the likeli hood of a repeat performance. Your connection with a Taurus is strong.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's difficult to share reality when you're just not getting where the other person is coming from. Though you are disconnected from the situation that means so much to your significant one, try hard to

understand. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Life's puddles can be sidestepped if you watch where you are going. But if you stare only at the ground, you'll never get safely to your destination. Divert your attention to something

grand, whimsical or interesting Creators Syndicate

#### YOU'RE TELLING TERRIBLE WELL SURF OK WHAT'S THE WORD FOR HOW "SN/PP\D WHAT'S THE WORD FOR WOO HOO HOO HOO HO ME THAT ANIMALS SMELL ? SPECIFIC SMELLS? CHIE and Calvin This can't be twins are supposed to I'll try I'm a boy look alike, act alike to help happening!! and voure and think alike! you as a girl! I thought we are much as Start were twins! humanly possible.



















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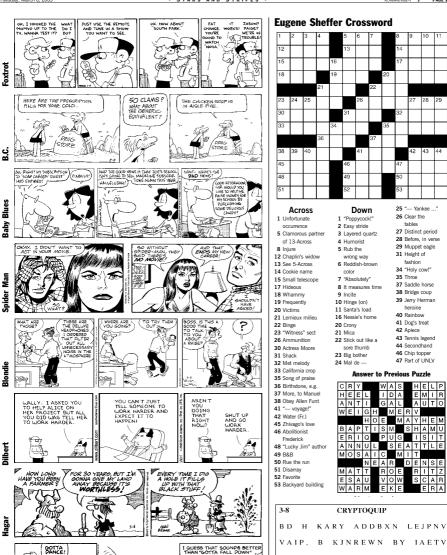








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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SUPPOSING AN INSECT WAS SINGING WITH CLOSED LIPS, MIGHT IT BE CALLED A HUMBUG? Today's Cryptoquip Clue: A equals O

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion I'm taking Rex for a walk

### **Colon cancer testing important JUMBLE**

Dear Abby: Imagine if, by applying what we already know, we could save the majority of lives that are lost to the third-leading cause of cancer in men and women? That's no pie-in-the-sky dream. I'm talking about colon cancer.

Regular testing can help prevent this disease or detect it at its earliest,

most treatable stage. This year, colon cancer will claim the lives of more than 56,000 Americans. That's more than 150 deaths a day, many of them preventable. The tests allow doctors to remove polyps before they can become cance ous, and prevent colon cancer from happening These same tests can also detect early signs of the disease as effectively as mammography detects breast cancer

Symptoms often don't appear until colon cancer has progressed. and no matter what a person's family history or how someone

feels, if you're 50 or older you're at risk for colon cancer

There is also the perception that the test will be embarrass ing or painful. While some of the tests may be uncomfortable. colon cancer is far worse

Bottom line: If you're 50 or older, now is the time to get tested for colon

> - Stephen F. Sener, M.D., President, American Cancer Society

Dear Dr. Sener: Lan pleased to help publicize this important message The Ameri can Cancer Society offers a free kit to help vou discuss colon can cer testing with your

physician. To get one, call toll-free: (800) 227-2345.

Dear Abby: I am a 28-year-old, American-born Asian woman, whose tradition-bound, first-generation mother insists that I. or another person in our family, share a

even though she has already eaten and we have not. This is acceptable behavior in her home, but is it appropriate for her to continue this behavior in public? For example, my mother, my aunt, my cousin's three children and husband and I went out to dinner at a steakhouse, and my mother insisted that I slice a portion of my steak and share it with my cousin, who had already started to eat her entree of p Mother becomes angry with me when I try to explain that this is not proper etiquette. What do

you suggest I do? - Frustrated Daughter in California

Dear Frustrated: You will spare yourself a lot of heartburn you realize that you cannot change your mother. So, when you are at a restaurant with her, order a larger portion than nor-mal and offer to share.

Letters for this column - with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at http://www.uexpress.com/dearabby Universal Press Syndicate

THACLE

(Answers tomorrow) Jumbles: HASTY BELIE STRONG Answer: What the king experienced when he was awakened by the protesters - A STATE OF "UNREST"

## one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words LAQUI JEGUD PITTEE

KNOWN TO LEAVE WHEN TEENAGERS HAVE THEIR FRIENDS OVER Now arrange the circled letters

to form the surprise answer, as

suggested by the above cartoon.

### Confront in-laws over burned stuff

Dear Annie: Four years ago, my husband and I moved back to his hometown so we could be closer to his parents, who

are getting older We also wanted our children to know their grandparents better At the time, we had a lot of things in storage, including photograph albums, baby clothes, and items that belonged to my mother and were nrecious to me. My in-laws have a large storage unit on their property and said we were welcome to

My in-laws left town last weel and asked us to keep an eve on their place. Yesterday, my husband and children returned from my in-laws' with a small vase and a Santa Claus that I recognized as mine. The items were blackened and charred. The kids said they had found them in Grandma and Grandpa's burn pile.

I thought our things were safe but obviously my in-laws have been burning our belongings. I cried all day, wondering what



other precious items were destroyed. I don't understand how they could do such a horrible and heartless thing. I've tried to maintain a good relationship with my in-laws, even though I know they

don't like me. My husband can hardly believe his parents would be so cruel, and he doesn't

know how to handle it. - Sad Daughter-in-Law

Dear Daughter-in-Law: We are appalled by your in-laws' behavior and cannot think of any excuse good enough to justify such disregard.

First, you need to check the remaining boxes in the storage building and see what is missing Then, you and your husband should bring the charred Santa and vase to your in-laws' home when they return. Tell them where they were found, and ask them point-blank to explain themselves. We hope nothing else has been burned, and we trust you will remove the boxes

from your in-laws' property im-mediately.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Buried in West Virginia. who said he recently moved to a perfectly lovely rural area, but one of the neighbors uses his yard as a dumping ground for all

kinds of junk.
"Buried" found it an eyesore. This is typical of many people

who move into such areas. Many new owners have paid ery inflated prices for th "lovely, rural property," and expect their neighbors to submit to their demands. Local govern ments do not have the financial resources to enforce laws control-

ling viewscape problems.

— Local Upstate New York Town Supervisor Dear Supervisor: We heard from plenty of rural residents on this. Thank you for your letter. Annie's Mallox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox(comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndi cate, 5777 W. Century Blud, Suiler 70, Los Angeles, CA 50048.

### **Family Circus**



"We'll be the good guys and you're the insurgents!"

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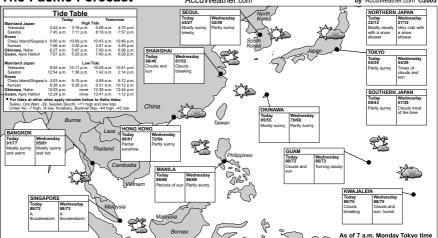
The modern lion



### The Pacific Forecast

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### **Extended Forecasts**

TOKYO

Thursday: Rain, high 55, low 50. Friday: Showers, high 66, low 48.

### KADENA

Thursday: Partly sunny, high 74, low 64. Friday: Rain, high 72, low 51.

#### SEOUL Thursday: Periods of clouds and

sunshine, high 54, low 21. Friday: Snow flurries, high 28, low 9.

### MANILA

Thursday: Partly sunny, high 90, low 68. Friday: Mostly sunny, high 91, low 72.

### HAGATNA

Thursday: Showers, high 84, low 72. Friday: Rain, high 82, low 70.

### Sunday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	56/37	Los Angeles	71/52
Amarillo	64/40	Little Rock	74/52
Anchorage	40/28	Louisville	64/50
Asheville	58/32	Miami	78/58
Baltimore	53/34	Milwaukee	57/39
Birmingham	67/46	Nashville	64/48
Bismarck	63/24	New York	44/39
Boise	60/35	Omaha	77/35
Boston	45/30	Orlando	75/49
Brownsville	76/64	Philadelphia	49/38
Buffalo	42/34	Phoenix	64/50
Burlington	37/17	Pittsburgh	50/38
Charleston, S	C 63/41	Portland, OR	64/43
Charlotte	64/38	Portland, ME	40/24
Cleveland	49/42	Salt Lake City	53/34
Columbus, Ol		St. Louis	71/50
Duluth	46/12	San Antonio	62/59
El Paso	65/43	San Diego	66/55
Hartford	39/27	San Juan	87/72
Helena	61/33	Tampa	73/55
Indianapolis	60/45	Tulsa	73/51
Jacksonville	70/42	Washington, D	
Kansas City	72/42	Wichita	74/45



### U.S. Extended Forecast

Cold and stormy weather will cover the Northeast and Midwest Tuesday and Wednesday. Tuesday will start with a snowstorm over the Northeast. A wintry mix of snow and rain will fall over central and northern New England. Blustery winds will spread snow across the Great Lakes and central Appalachians. Cold air spinning around the storm will keep temperatures from the northern Plains to the Middle Atlantic below normal. Meanwhile, high pressure will keep the West mild and dry. Sunshine will warm the Northwest and Great Basin. Offshore winds will warm Southern California into the 70s and 80e

Tuesday's Pacific Temperatures						Tuesday's World Temperatures							
CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
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### AFN TV & Radio

#### Tuesday

AFN-Sports, 1 a.m.-Tennis-Davis Cup: First round, Croatia vs. Team USA at Carson, Callf, reverse singles (dld).

AFN-Sports, 4 a.m.-Preseason baseball: Chicago Cubs vs. Texas.

AFN-Sports, AFN radio Korea, 9 a.m.-College basketabli: Colonial Athletic Association Tournament championship, teams to be determined.

ARN-Albantic, 9 a.m.-Women's college bas-ketball: Teams to be determined.
ARN-Sports, 11 a.m.-College basketball:
Missouri Valley Conference Tournament championship, teams to be determined.
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AFN-Sports, 8 p.m.-NBA: Milwaukee at Chicago (did).

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AFN-Sports, 4 a.m.-Preseason baseball: Texas vs. San Francisco. AFN radio Korea. 9 a.m.-NBA: Orlando at

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# Giambi gets warm reception on the road

Jason Giambi took his image rehabilitation tour on the road for the first time this spring and was given a warm reception. Carlos Beltran needed just one at-bat to hear how his new fans felt about

Giambi got his first hit of the year in the New York Vankees 9-8 loss to the Detroit Tigers in Lakeland, Fla., on Saturday.

"I didn't know what to expect," Giambi said after going 1-for-4 You never know, and that way you never set yourself up to be let down.

Giambi repeated several times that he was "humbled" by the reception he's been given following a winter of accusations about stemid use

Giambi, however, wasn't in-volved in the play that will find its into the most highlight

Detroit's Dmitri Young violently collided with Yankees catcher John Flaherty on a play at the plate, and Young needed five stitches on his ear. Young said the blood was worth it because the aggressive play was meant to convey how the Detroit Tigers intend to play this season.

"We're the Tigers — not the kittens," Young said.

At Port St. Lucie, Fla., Beltran hit a two-run homer in the first inning of his first home game with the Mets. Beltran also singled in three at-bats and helped New York beat the Los Angeles Dodg-

### Spring training

"When you go out, you don't want to let the fans down," said Beltran, who signed a seven-year. \$119 million contract in January.

"You want to make them proud of your team. That's what we did

Free-agent signee J.D. Drew had his first hit for Los Angeles, a two-run homer off Mets starter Steve Trachsel in the third in-

Sammy Sosa, who hit his first homer with the Baltimore Orioles on Friday, did something even more memorable Saturday: He was ejected while playing the outfield during the second inning of the Orioles' 9.6 loss to the Nation. als at Fort Lauderdale Fla - the first time in 34 years that Baltimore and Washington met on a hasehall diamond

The sequence of events that led to Sosa's ejection by second base umpire C.B. Bucknor began in the bottom of the first inning when he was called out by home plate umpire Joe West on a high third strike. Sosa briefly ex-pressed his displeasure with the call before taking his place in right field.

After Baltimore starter Daniel Cabrera opened the second inning by going to a 2-0 count on leadoff hitter Brad Wilkerson, Sosa was ejected.

"I said. "That was a strike."

ond-base umpire was like, 'Knock it off.' I said something back to him, and that was everything. I was all the way in right field, but I guess he took it the wrong way

and threw me out of the game." Sosa's ejection was not the only outrageous occurrence Saturday

At Surprise, Ariz., Kansas City's Calvin Pickering hit a grand slam in the sixth inning but was called out when he passed baserunner Justin Huber at first hase. Pickering was credited with a three-run, 385-foot single to left.

"That was the batter's fault," Royals manager Tony Pena said. 'We want our runners to tag up in that situation and we want the batter to be watching the runner. It's good these things happen down here."



Seattle Mariners 3B Adrian Beltre throws to first on a grounder by San Diego Padres' Rvan Klesko during the second inning Saturday in Peoria, Ariz. Klesko was out on the play. The Padres won 5-2.

### Selig: Positive steroid tests dropped dramatically

DV DOD DATIM The Associated Press

MESA, Ariz. - The number of positive tests for steroids in Major League Baseball dropped to between 1 to 2 percent last sea son, Commissioner Bud Selig said Saturday, and he predicted the virtual elimination of the drug from the sport this year.

The new figures, based on just under 1,200 tests, compare with percent positive results in 2003, the first season that major

league players were tested. Selig said the test results "startled me and a lot of other peo-

"I am very confident that we will effectively rid our sport of steroids in this coming season," he said at a news conference.

The tests in 2003-04 were done under the 2002 collective bargaining agreement adhering to a program far less stringent than the one adopted by Major League Baseball and the players' union this year. The new program implemented this week includes an unannounced test of every player, other random testing and tests in the offsea

"I'm comfortable in telling you that we've not only dealt with our problem, but we will fin-ish what we started," Selig said.

"There always will be some exceptions, but I'm very comfort-able with what we've done." Selig also said the minor

league testing program has dropped from 11 percent of tests being positive in 2001 to 1.7 perast season.

### Woods reclaims No. 1 with victory

MIAMI - Tiger Woods turned in a performance worthy of his return to No. 1 In a dramatic duel with Phil

Mickelson that came down to the last shot Sunday, Woods made a 30-foot birdie putt on the 17th hole to take the lead, then a 6-foot par putt to close with a 6-under 66 and win the Ford Championship at Doral, giving him the No. 1 ranking for the first time since Sentember.

Mickelson, coming off dominant victories in his last two stroke-play tournaments, had a chance to force a playoff or possibly win on the 18th. His 30-foot chip looked good all the way, but caught the lower lip. He closed with a 69

"The whole day, we were going at each other," Woods said. "It was fun to be a part of that."

This Sunday showdown exceeded the expectations of a battle between two of the biggest names in golf. A sellout crowd was buzzing from start-to-finish, especially during wild momentum changes on the back nine of the Blue Mon-

Woods reached the 603-yard 12th hole for the second time in two days for an eagle to take a

Golf roundup

Mickelson answered with back-to-back hirdies catch him.

Lefty looked like he had control of the tournament until he missed a 5-foot par putt on the 16th, and then Woods delivered like he usually does with two clutch putts.

Woods, who earned \$990,000 for his second victory of the year, finished at 24-under 264 to break by one shot the tournament record at Doral, previously held by Jim Furyk (2000) and Greg Norman (1993). This is the sixth PGA Tour event where Woods has at least a share of the 72-hole

Vijay Singh, who had been No. 1 the last 26 weeks after beating Woods in a Labor Day duel outside Boston, closed with a 66 to finish third, five shots behind, along with Zach Johnson (67).

### Sorenstam rallies to win in Mexico

HUIXQUILUCAN, Mexico -Annika Sorenstam rallied to win her first LPGA Tour event of the year, shooting a 4-under 68 in windy conditions Sunday for a three-stroke victory in the inaugu-



Tiger Woods made a 30-foot birdie putt on No. 17 and closed with a 6-under-par 66 to overtake Phil Mickelson in the final round of the Ford Championship at Doral. Woods also moved up to No. 1 in the world.

ral MasterCard Classic

Sorenstam had eight birdies five in a row on Nos. 2-6 - to offset four bogeys in the strong wind on the high-altitude Bosque Real Country Club course.

The Swedish star, also playing for the first time since filing for divorce from David Esch, won her 57th LPGA Tour title, finishing at 7-under 209. Last year, she won eight tour events and two international titles

Karrie Webb, the ANZ Ladies Masters winner last week in Australia, had a 70 to finish second Second-round leader Cristie Kerr shot a 75 to match South Korea's Hee-Won Han (71) at 3 under, and Mexican star Lorena Ochoa (68) rallied to finish fifth at 2

Rookie Paula Creamer (68) and Michelle Redman (72) were 1

The tournament was the first Tour event in Mexico since 1975.

#### Eagle gives Els Dubai title DUBAL United Arab Emirates

Ernie Els eagled the final hole Sunday to win the Dubai Desert Classic for the third time with a one-stroke victory over Miguel Angel Jimenez, who had led for most of the tournament.

Els, who shot a 4-under-par 68 and finished at 19-under 269, captured his first title of 2005. He also won in Dubai in 1994 and

### Croatia puts U.S. on ropes in Davis Cup

BY KEN PETERS The Associated Press

CARSON, Calif. - In jeopardy of being eliminated by Croatia in the opening round of the Davis Cup for the second time in three years, the Americans turned to Andy Roddick and Andre Agassi Twins Mike and Bob Bryan lost

a doubles match for the first time in Davis Cup play Saturday, and Croatia took the lead against the heavily favored United States. Ivan Ljubicic and Mario Ancic

beat the Bryans 3-6, 7-6 (8), 6-4, 6-4 for Croatia's second win in three matches in the best-of-five competition. Roddick will play Liubicic in

Sunday's first match, and Agassi will face Ancic in the fifth and final match — if the Croatians haven't clinched by then

U.S. captain Patrick McEnroe is glad he's able to send out Rod-

dick and Agassi, who is playing Davis Cup for the first time in five years.

"If there are two guys you want to roll out down 2-1, we've got the two guys we want," McEnroe said. "So I'm extremely confident that they're both going to play well. Andre's been in this position before, and Andy's been in a position where he's had to win a

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The Associated Press

CLEVELAND - The Cleveland Browns didn't wait long to find an experienced quarterback. acquiring Trent Dilfer from Seattle on Saturday for a fourth-round draft nick

The Browns were left with two inexperienced quarterbacks after Kelly Holcomb signed a four-year deal with Buffalo on Friday. They released starter Jeff Garcia earlier this offseason.

Enter Dilfer, who became expendable in Seattle after starter Matt Hasselheck signed a six-year, \$49 million contract last

Dilfer, who turns 33 on March 13 anneared in five games last season, leading the Seahawks to victories in his only two starts.

The trade, contingent on league approval and Dilfer passing a physical, reunites the 6-foot-4, 225-pound quarterback with Browns General Manager Phil Savage.

Savage was Baltimore's player personnel director when Dilfer took over for starter Tony Banks midway through the 2000 season and led the Ravens to a Super Bowl championship.

The move still leaves Cleveland with plenty of flexibility as it searches for a long-term solution at quarterback.

Dilfer only has one year left on his contract so his addition would not prevent the Browns from making other moves.

Luke McCown and Josh Harris were the only two quarterbacks on the Cleveland roster before the trade. McCown started four games as a rookie last season but was largely ineffective, while Harris has vet to take a snap during a regular-season game.



Italy's Giancarlo Fisichella raises his arms as he celebrates his victory in the Australian Grand Prix at Melbourne's Albert Park circuit Sunday. Rubens Barrichello finished second and Fernando Alonso third.

# Fisichella wins F1 opener

Crash takes M. Schumacher out of race

By JOHN PYE The Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia - Italy's Giancarlo Fisichella won Formula One's season-opening Aus-tralian Grand Prix on Sunday.

Fisichella finished 57 laps on the 3 295 mile Albert Park circuit in 1 hour, 24 minutes, 17.336 seconds in his Renault.

Ferrari's Rubens Barrichello was second, 5.55 seconds back, and Fisichella's Renault team mate, Fernando Alonso, finished

Michael Schumacher, who wor 13 races last year en route to his seventh world championship, retired with 15 laps remaining after a collision with Nick Heidfeld. The Ferrari driver started on the

back row of the grid.

The 32-year-old Fisichella's only previous F1 victory in 141 only previous F1 Victory in 141 races was at the controversial 2003 Brazilian GP, when he wasn't awarded the victory for five days until it was discovered he was ahead when the race was

"It's my first time to celebrate the victory on the podium," Fi-sichella said. "It's been fantastic. a great experience - I want to do it again.'

With new rules restricting drivers to one engine for two races and one tire setup per race. Fisichella's smooth driving made the difference.

Avoiding heavy rain that drenched the circuit just after he'd finished his first qualifying Saturday afternoon also lap helped.

He returned for the second qualifying session Sunday and easily maintained his lead, giving him pole position in an all-Italian front row with Toyota's Jarno Tenlli Trulli finished ninth.

Schumacher moved as high as seventh after starting 19th with a new engine. His Australian title defense ended when he and Nick Heidfield touched wheels and then collided at in the third turn

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**Australian Grand Prix** 

Sunday At Albert Park Circuit

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### Wheldon wins IRL opener at Homestead

The Associated Press

HOMESTEAD, Fla. - Celebrating in Victory Lane after an overpowering victory Sunday in the IRL IndyCar opener at Homestead-Miami Speedway, Dan Wheldon was hoping for a similar scene at another racetrack later this year Tve got to be honest," the En-

glishman said. "My passion is the Indianapolis 500. The championship is important, but my goal is to drink the (winner's) milk at Indy. We just want to keep the momentum until that race in May.'

Wheldon was the runner-up last season to Andretti Green Racing teammate Tony Kanaan in the IRL championship and he began this season as one of the favorites to win the title. Sunday's dominating run, leading 158 of the 200 laps on the 11/2-mile oval, only strengthened that perception.

But Wheldon said that even as he celebrated Sunday by doing doughnuts in his car and getting victory hugs from his crew, he was thinking that nobody should make too much of one win.

"It's one race into the champi-onship. One race," the smiling Wheldon said. "If it's meant to be it's meant to be. I just enjoy win-

Wheldon, part of the powerful four-car Andretti Green Racing team, pulled away from the pack midway through the race and appeared headed to a runaway victory when the race was interrunted by a frightening eight-car crash

Before all the crashing and banging ended, the accident also took out Scott Sharp, Bryan Herta, Scott Dixon, Roger Yasukawa, Ed Carpenter and 22-year-old rookie Danica Patrick, making her first IRL

### Austrain Maier wins super-G, 50th World Cup race of career The Associated Press

KVITFJELL, Norway - Hermann Maier won a super giant slalom on Lillehammer's Olympic course Sunday for his 50th World Cup victory, tying Alberto Tomba for second place on the career list

Austria's Benjamin Raich finished fourth, just ahead of Bode Miller, and drew closer to the American in their race for the overall title. Miller, trying to become the first American since Phil Mahre in 1983 to win the men's overall, leads Raich by 52 points (1,348 points to 1,296) with only four races left. Maier, who also won Satur-

day's downhill on the same slone. was timed in 1 minute, 32.98 seconds. He beat Didier Defago of Switzerland by 0.83 seconds while Daron Rahlves of the United States was third, 0.88 back. Maier, the four-time and de-

fending World Cup overall cham-

### Sports briefs

pion, joined Italy's Tomba in second place on the career victory list behind Ingemar Stenmark. The Swedish great leads with 86, all in slalom and giant slalom. "There are still chances to win

some more," the 32-year-old Maier said. "I'm still vounger than Tomba when he reached

This season, one race remains in each discipline - the downhill. super-G, slalom and giant slalom at the World Cup finals in Lenzer-Switzerland, starting Thursday. A victory is worth 100 points.

### Castillo, Lacy successfully defend titles

LAS VEGAS - Jose Luis Castillo wore down Julio Diaz with rebefore finally stopping him in the 10th round to retain the WBC lightweight title. Castillo fought true to his usual

form, patiently stalking Diaz throughout the fight before knocking him down twice in the 10th. Diaz was on one knee after the

second knockdown when referee Richard Steele counted to nine, then waved the fight to a close.

It was the second defense for Castillo of the title he won from

Juan Lazcano last year.

In another title fight on the card at the Mandalay Bay hotel-casino, former Olympian Jeff Lacy retained his IBF super-middleweight title by stopping Rubin Williams in the seventh round.

Castillo, winning for the 52nd time in his pro career, opened cuts over both of Diaz's eyes with apparent head butts, and Diaz's left eye was nearly swollen shut when the fight ended.

Diaz (30-3) gave up his IBF lightweight title to challenge Castillo, but simply did not have enough power to keep him off of Castillo (52-6-1 with 46 knock

outs) was ahead 88-83 on all three scorecards after the ninth round. but made sure that the judges wouldn't have a say in the fight when he put the challenger away in the 10th round.

#### Buser goes for record-tying fifth Iditarod title

ANCHORAGE, Alaska - Fear less, foolhardy or just plain stub born, four-time champion Martin Buser cheerfully started the 1,100-mile Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race on Saturday, a few days after the middle finger of his right hand was amputated above the second joint.

Buser, 46, who was injured in a table saw accident Tuesday, loaded up on painkillers, antibiotics and anti-inflammatory pills. He wore bandages and a special splint on his mangled hand and stuffed it inside an oversized black mitten. At the festive ceremonial start

of the 33rd Iditarod, he happily autographs signed autographs — ne's left-handed — and posed for pho-tographs with fans on a crisp, sunny morning before setting off on a journey to Nome that is peril-ous even for mushers in the best of health.

The first day was easy, starting out on trucked-in snow downtown, then taking a slow run for 11 miles with reduced teams of 12 dogs hauling "Iditariders" who paid for the thrill. The race really gets going Sunday with a restart from Willow, 70 miles north of the city. From there it's a danger-filled trail through steep gorges, along frozen rivers and over menacing mountain passes in subzero temperatures with howling

winds

# **Kings beat Pistons in homecoming**

The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. - Mike Bibby had 19 points and 11 assists, Kenny Tho mas added 19 points, and Sacramento beat the Detroit Pistons 100-85 Sunday in the Kings' first home game since Chris Web

Peja Stojakovic and Darius Songaila scored 14 points apiece in an impressive homecoming victory for the Kings' re vamned roster

Sacramento embarked on a six-game oad trip the day Webber was traded to Philadelphia nearly two weeks ago along with two reserves for Thomas, Corliss Will iamson and Brian Skinner.

Brad Miller and Cuttino Mobley missed the game because of injuries, but each of the three forwards acquired for Webber contributed as the Kings snapped a three-game losing streak.

Thomas went 8-for-13 and grabbed 10 re bounds, while Williamson and Skinner — who had 12 points and 12 rebounds — provided tough defense as Sacramento pulled away in the fourth quarter. Skinner already seems to be a fan favorite: He got a standing ovation for his bulldog defense when he left the game in the fourth quar-

Rasheed Wallace had 19 points and 10 rebounds for the Pistons, who finished a six-game road trip with consecutive losses to Phoenix, Seattle and Sacramento. The defending NBA champions missed 13 of 24 free throws and struggled for open shots against Sacramento's tenacious defense. Richard Hamilton had 14 points and six

ber's departure

ble, but Sacramento made a 20-7 run in the NBA fourth quarter of its eighth straight home roundup victory over Detroit.

assists despite foul trou-

After playing just one home game in 22 days, the Kings play eight of their next 10 at Arco Arena - and they won't leave California again until March 26. If the Kings still have hopes of catching Phoenix in the Pacific Division, they must establish chemistry with their new arrivals and make a move soon

In Saturday's games:

76ers 98, Hawks 97: Marc Jackson hit two free throws with 1.2 seconds remain-ing, and Allen Iverson stole Atlanta's ensuing inbounds pass as visiting Philadelphia escaped with a victory that extended the Hawks' losing streak to 11 games

Iverson, who hit all 13 of his free-throw attempts, scored 33 points but was just 3-for-19 from the floor in the second half.

Wizards 86, Bobcats 84: At Charlotte, N.C., Laron Profit tipped in Juan Dixon's miss with 3.1 seconds to play to give Washington the victory.

Brendan Haywood scored 22 points for Washington, which broke its six-game road losing streak.

Jason Hart scored 18 of his career-high 20 points in the fourth quarter to lead Char-

Magic 105. Nets 81: Steve Francis scored 26 points and rookie backcourt mate Jameer Nelson added a career-high 22 as Orlando took an early lead and rolled at New Jersey.

Kelvin Cato added 16 points for the Magic, who had four players in double figures. Nelson, further entrenched in the Orlando starting lineup after Doug Christie was placed on the injured list, shot 7-for-9 and had three assists.

Rookie Dwight Howard had 11 points and 11 rebounds for the Magic.

Vince Carter led New Jersey with 20 points, the 18th straight game he's reached that mark.

Nuggets 105, Clippers 89: Earl Boykins scored 12 of his 22 points in the fourth quarter as visiting Denver continued its push for the playoffs under new coach George Karl with its sixth straight

Boykins, a 5-foot-5 guard who spent two seasons with the Clippers, has scored in double figures in 20 of his past 23 games. Carmelo Anthony had 21 points for the

Nuggets, who equaled their longest winning streak since a seven-game stretch from Nov. 18-Dec. 2, 1989. They improved to 30-29 and went over 500 for the first time since Dec. 21 (13-12).

The Nuggets have made up 61/2 games on the Lakers for the eighth and final Western Conference playoff berth, and have tied them with 23 games remaining.

Bucks 95. Bulls 87: Desmond Mason scored 20 points, Maurice Williams and Michael Redd added 16 points each and the Bucks defeated the Chicago Bulls in Milwaukee for the 14th consecutive time. The Bulls' losing streak at the Bradley



Sacramento Kings forward Darius Songaila, left, fouls Detroit Pistons' Rasheed Wallace in the first quarter on Sunday.

Center dates to March 29, 1998, the year Michael Jordan led the team to the last of its six NBA championships.

Joe Smith added 10 points and a sea son-high 16 rebounds for the Bucks, whose last 16 points came from the foul line. Kirk Hinrich scored 24 points for Chica-go, which lost its third consecutive game.

Suns 129, Trail Blazers 116: Shawn Marion had 26 points and nine rebounds. and Phoenix routed visiting Portland for the third time this season.

Coach Mike D'Antoni rested starters

Marion, Amare Stoudemire and Steve Nash for the entire fourth quarter after the Suns went ahead 102-78 after three.

### Rockets get big victory against depleted Mavs

The Associated Press

HOUSTON - Facing a crucial four-game road trip against some of the best teams in the West, the Houston Rockets needed a victory Sunday. And they didn't care how they got it.

Tracy McGrady scored 32 points and had 10 rebounds to lead Houston to a 90-69 victory over the injury-depleted Dallas Mavericks, who played without leading scorers Dirk Nowitzki and Michael Finley.

"Regardless of who was or wasn't playing, to win this one means a lot," said McGrady, who scored 27 of his points after getting six stitches on his chin following a collision in the first quarter. "It gives us confidence. It's a real crucial road trip for us."

The Mavericks, who were with-out Nowitzki and Finley for only the second time this season, set a season-low for total points and points in a half with 35. It was their lowest point total since scoring 80 against San Antonio in No-

Houston, which had dropped four of its last five before Sunday's victory, travels to Seattle and Phoenix next week before facing Sacramento next Sunday. All three teams lead the sixth-place Rockets in the conference stand-

"This is just what we need to feel good about ourselves for the road trip." Rockets guard Jon

Dallas entered the game aver-

aging almost 103 noints a game but finished just 29-for-78 (37 percent) from the field.

Nowitzki, who was averaging 27 points, sat out with a sprained left knee, and Finley missed his second straight game with a bruised left calf. This was the second game Nowitzki has missed this season, after sitting out a game last November with a sprained left ankle.

"We had our best two offensive players in street clothes, so you make the decision on how it affected us," Dallas coach Don Nelson said

Rockets coach Jeff Van Gundy was worried that the absence of Nowitzki and Finley could cause his team to play with less intensi-

"I thought we did a good job in just staying mentally ready," he said. "You cannot minimize them missing Nowitzki. He's that good But at the same time, we did some good things

Dallas erased a nine-point halftime deficit after going on a 12-0 run, capped when Jerry Stackhouse hit a turnaround jumper to give the Mavericks a 47-46 lead. The Rockets scored the next

eight points to go back on top and never trailed again. Dallas outscored the Mavericks 29-14 in the final period to

stretch its lead.

Jason Terry led Dallas with 20 points. Keith Van Horn, who started for Nowitzki, added 12. The Mayericks have lost three in a row and four of their last five following a six-game winning

### **NBA** scoreboard

### Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division Western Conference

Houston Memphis New Orle .569 Seattle Phoenix

Saturdays games
Philadelphia 98, Attanta 97
Washington 86, Charlotte 84
Orlando 105, New Jersey 81
Whoshington 95, Chicago 87
Phoenix 129, Portland 116
Denver 105, La. Clippers 89
Sunday's games
Houston 90, Dallas 69
Sacramento 100, Detroit 85
Minnesota at Boston

Minnesota at Boston Utah at San Antonio Utan at San Antonio Toronto at New Orleans Miami at Cleveland Golden State at New York Phoenix at Seattle
Indiana at L.A. Lakers
Monday's games
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Charlotte at Minnesota
Atlanta at Milwaukee
New Jersey at San Antonio
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### Wizards 86, Bobcats 84

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chariotte 24 20 16 24 –84 Three-Point Goals—Washington 1-10 (Are-nas 1-7, Profit 0-1, Hughes 0-2), Charlotte 5-9 (Hart 2-3, Bogans 2-4, Kapono 1-1, Alexande 1-1), Fouled Out—None, Rebounds—Washington 55 (Brown 12), Charlotte 5-4 (Kapono Okafor 8), Assists—Washington 9 (Hughes 4), Charlotte 16 (Hart 4), Total Fouls—Washington 18, Charlotte 25. Technicals—Haywood, A—15,301, (C2,319).

### Magic 105, Nets 81

ORLANDO — Hill 4-10 1-2 9, Howard 3-3 5-7 1, Cato 7-9 2-3 16, Francis 9-12 7-9 26, Nelson 9 7-8 22, Garrity 3-7 1-2 7, Battie 0-2 0-0 0, urkoglu 1-6 2-2 4, Stewerson 2-4-0-04, Hunt-1-1 0-0 2, Kasun 2-2 0-0 4, Totals 39-65

25-33 105. NEW JERSEY — Carter 7-16 5-5 20, Collins 2-4 1-1 5, Krstlc 2-5 3-4 7, Vaughn 1-5 0-0 2, Kidd 2-10 0-0 5, Mercer 5-11 0-0 10, Robinson 3-6 0-0 8, Best 2-4 4-4 8, Scalabrine 2-9 1-1 5, Buford 1-5 0-0 2, Smith 1-4 0-0 2, Planinic 2-4 2-4 7, Totals 30-83 16-19 81. 29 30 26 20-105 15 22 22 22- 81

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Suns 129. Trail Blazers 116

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### Nuggets 105, Clippers 89

# Streakin' Heels

### North Carolina overcomes Duke by scoring game's last 11 points

BY KEITH PARSONS

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. - Freshman Marvin Williams converted a three-point play with 17 seconds left, capping a game-closing 11-0 run that carried No. 2 North Carolina to a 75-73 victory over No. 6 Duke on Sunday for the Atlantic Coast Conference title.

Sean May of North Carolina had 26 points and 24 rebounds, and his final rehound was the most important. After J.J. Redick missed a long three-pointer that would have won it for the Blue Devils, teammate Daniel Ewing had a final chance from just inside the arc.

But his shot was short and May leaped high for the carom. He cradled the ball in his hand while the clock ran out, then hurled it into the stands in celebration of only the third Tar Heels victory over Duke in the past 16 meetings.

North Carolina (26-3, 14-2) won its first ACC regular season championship since 1993, the last time it won the national title.

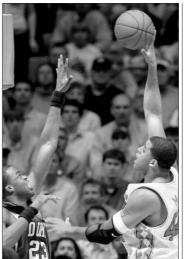
Shelden Williams had 25 points and six blocks for Duke (22-5, 11-5), which played without guard Sean Dockery for the third straight game. Redick scored all 17 of his points in the first half

Even without Redick scoring at his usual pace, the Blue Devils seemingly had control late in the second half. They broke from a 64-64 tie with a 9-0 run capped by Lee Melchionni's three-pointer with 3:07 left. That was his fifth three-pointer of the second half and it gave Duke a 73-64 lead.

Jawad Williams stopped the Tar Heels' drought with a tip-in and Marvin Williams added two free throws to make it 73-68. On the other end, DeMarcus Nelson missed the front end of a 1-and-1, and May powered inside for a three-point play to cut it to two.

North Carolina point guard Raymond Felton grabbed a loose ball and called a timeout with 27 seconds to play. After the break, Felton drove to the basket and was fouled. His first free throw cut Duke's lead to 73-72, but his second bounced high off the rim.

Marvin Williams emerged from a scramble for the rebound and banked in the go-ahead basket over Duke defender Patrick Johnson. Fouled on the play, Williams hit the free throw to provide the final margin



North Carolina's Sean May, right, shoots over Duke's Shelden Williams (23) during the first half of Sunday's game at the Dean Smith Center in Chapel Hill, N.C. No. 2 North Carolina shaded No. 6 Duke 75-73.

### 'Nooga wins SC title and NCAA berth

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — Charles Anderson's 13 points paced a balanced attack that carried Chattanooga to a 66-62 victory over North Carolina-Greensboro in Saturday night's championship game of the Southern Conference tournament.

Mindaugas Katelynas added 12 points and Chris Brown and Alphonso Pugh each scored 11 to help the Mocs (20-10) win their ninth title and first since 1997 in their first season under coach Jeff Shulman. Chattanooga was in control

most of the way, although the Spartans (18-12) made an 8-0 run to cut the lead to two points with 1:27 left. The Mocs made five of eight free throws down the stretch to keep North Carolina-Greensboro at bay.

Reserve Josh Gross scored 19 to lead Greensboro, Ricky Hickman added 13, Kyle Hines had 12 and Ronnie Burrell 10.

Shulman, who replaced current Auburn coach Jeff Lebo, shook his fist at the cheering crowd as he cut down a piece of the net.

Shulman left the rest of the net for Katelynas, the tournament MVP, who placed the strings around his neck

#### Men's conference tournament scoreboard

### America Fast

Friday, March 4 re Co. 78, New Hampshire 73 Story Brook 66, Harthord 45 Saturday, March 5 Binghamton 76, Albany, N.Y. 70 Vermont 76, Md. Baltimore Co. 61 Northeastern 90, Stony Brook 79 Maine 47, Boston University eastern 90, Stony Drown, e 47, Boston University 45 Sunday, March 6 ont 76, Binghamton 65 Pastern 86, Maine 73

#### Atlantic Sun

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Gardner-Webb 77, Jacksonville 76
Central Florida 66, Belmont 61
Saturday, March 5
Championship
Central Florida 63, Gardner-Webb 54

### Atlantic 10

Wednesday, March 9 Richmond vs. Rhode Island Massachusetts vs. La Salle Fordham vs. Duquesne Dayton vs. St. Bonaventure Dayton vs. St. Bönaventure Thursday, March 10 Saint Joseph's vs. Richmond/Rhode Islan Xavier vs. Massachusetty. La Salle Geo. Washington vs. Fordham/Duquesne Temple vs. Dayton/St. Bonaventure Friday, March 11 Semifinals Saturday, March 12

#### Big East

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West Virginia vs. Providence
Georgetown vs. Seton Hall
Notre Dame vs. Rutgerlach
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Boston College vs. W. Virginia/Providence
Villanova vs. Pittsburgh
Connecticut vs. Georgetown/Seton Hall
Syracuse vs. Notre Dame/Rutgers
Semifinals
Friday, March 11 Semifinals Saturday, March 12 Championship

#### Big Sky

Saturday, March 5
Montana 58, Eastern Washington 48
Weber State 74, Sacramento State 71
Tuesday, March 8
Montana State vs. Montana
Portland State vs. Weber St.
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#### Colonial Athletic

Friday, March 4 William & Mary 68, James Madison 54 Delaware 76, Towson 56 Saturday, March 5 Old Dominion 64, William & Mary 51 Old Dominion 64, William & Mary 51
Hofstra 89, Drevel 77
Va. Commonwealth 14, Delaware 61
N.C.-Willmington 60, George Mason 47
Sunday, March 6
Old Dominion 72, Hofstra 88
Va. Commonwealth vs. N.C.; Willmington
Monday, March 7
Championship
Old Dominion vs. Va. Commonwealth/N.C.

### Conference USA

Wednesday, March 9
Texas Christian vs. Marquette
DePaul vs. Tulane
Memphis vs. Saint Louis Memphis vs. Saint Louis Houston vs. South Florida Thursday, March 10 Louisville vs. TcU/Marquette Alabama-Birmingham vs. DePaul/Tul Charlotte vs. Memphis/Saint Louis Cincinnati vs. Houston/South Florida Friday, March 11 Semifinals Saturday, March 12

### Horizon League

Wright State 61, Butler 57
Loyola of Chicago 78, Youngstown State 75
Illinois-Chicago 84, Cleveland State 65
Friday, March 4
Detroit 61, Wright State 48
Loyola of Chicago 87, Illinois-Chicago 81
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#### Metro Atlantic

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### Mid-American

Monday, March 7 Marshall at Ohio Marshall at Ohio at Kent State Eastern Michigan at Alron Northern Illinois at Burfalo Ball State at Bowling Green State Sowing Green State Sowing Green State And State at Sowing Green State St Semifinals Saturday, March 12

### **Mid-Continent**

Saturday, March 5 Oral Roberts 82, Southern Utah 59 Oakland, Mich. 67, Mo.-Kansas City 63 Sunday, March 6 

### Mid-Eastern Athletic

Monday, March 7
Morgan State vs. Md.-Eastern Shore
Florida A&M vs. Howard
Tuesday, March 8
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### Mountain West

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### Northeast

Thursday, March 3 Monmouth, N.J. 54, C. Connecticut 53 Fairleigh Dickinson 78, St. Francis, N.Y. 60 Wagner 69, Robert Morris 65 Long Island U. 76, St. Francis, Pa. 67 Long Island U. 76, St. Francis, Pa. 67 Sunday, March 6 Wagner 63, Monmouth, N.J. 60 LIU at Fairleigh Dickinson Wednesday, March 9 Championship Wagner vs. LUI/Fairleigh Dickinson

### Ohio Valley

Tuesday, March 1 Tennessee Tech 72. Eastern Illinois 68 Tennessee Tech 72, Eastern Illinois 68
Austin Peay 71, Samford 60
Eastern Kentucky 74, Tennessee State 68
Southeast Missouri 61, Murray State 58
Friday, March 4
Austin Peay 67, Tennessee Tech 61
Eastern Kentucky 69, SE Missouri 52
Saturday, March 5
Championship
Eastern Kentucky 52, Austin Peay 46

#### Patriot

Friday, March 4 Lehigh 77, Colgate 60 Holy Cross 76, Army 42 American 85, Navy 83, OT Bucknell 70, Lafayette 34 Sunday, March 6 Holy Cross 57, Lehigh 53, OT Bucknell 53, American 35 Friday, March 11 Championship Bucknell at Holy Cross

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Saturday, March 5
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Chattanooga 66, N.C.-Greensboro 62

### Southland

Tuesday, March 8
Texas-Arlington at Northwestern (La.) St.
Texas State at Southeastern Louislana
McNeese State at Sam Houston State
Lamar at Texas-San Antonio
Thursday, March 10 Semifinals Şunday, March 13 Championsh

### Sun Relt

Fiday, March 4
Fla. International 60, South Alabama 57
Arkansas State 84, North Texas 76
Middle Tennessee 77, New Mexico State 63
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### West Coast

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San Francisco 65, Portland 60
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Monday, March 7
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#### Western Athletic

Tuesday, March 8
Hawaii vs. San Jose State
Boise State vs. Tulsa
Thursday, March 10
Texas-El Paso vs. Hawaii/San Jose State
Rice vs. Southern Methodist Fresno State vs. Louisiana Tei Nevada vs. Boise State/Tulsa Friday, March 11

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Saturday, March 12
Championship

# **Hungry Gators take a bite out of Wildcats**

Lee's final chance pays off as Florida ends its eight-game skid vs. Kentucky

> BY MARK LONG The Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla. - Matt Walsh heaved the ball into the stands, David Lee jumped onto a courtside table and Anthony Roberson ripped off his jersey.

Florida's "Big Three" celebrated their first victory over Kentucky like no other.

"That was four years in the making right there." Lee said. Roberson scored 21 points, including

two free throws with 15 seconds remain ing and the Gators unset the third-ranked Wildcats 53-52 on Sunday. Florida ended an eight-game losing

streak against the Southeastern Confer ence bully and probably ended the Wild-cats' hopes of getting a top seed in the NCAA tournament.

"It was the greatest win of my life," Walsh said.

Roberson, the league's leading scorer, stripped the ball from Patrick Sparks with about 12 seconds to play and Florida trailing 52-51. Sparks compounded his mistake by fouling Roberson, an 88 percent free-throw shooter.

Roberson stepped to the line and calmly made both ends of the 1-and-1.

Kentucky (23-4, 14-2) still had a chance to win it, but Kelenna Azubuike's three-pointer just before the buzzer bounced off the left side of the rim and into Walsh's hands



Florida's Matt Walsh, right, and Taurean Green celebrate a 53-52 upset of Kentucky.

Then the celebration began

Florida (20-7, 12-4) last beat the Wildcats in March 2001. The Gators have been close since, losing the last three at home by a combined seven points, but they hadn't been able to get over the hurdle.

The "Big Three" changed that Sunday. Lee the team's lone senior who was honored before his final home game, had lost

all eight previous meetings against Kentucky. Walsh and Roberson had been 0-6. "It's taken three years for me to win this

on my home floor," Roberson said. Walsh, Roberson and Lee combined for 43 of Florida's 53 points. Walsh and Lee each had 11. Lee added 10 rebounds, two assists, two steals and a blocked shot.

"It was just an exciting victory," said Lee, who also removed his shirt during the

postgame revelry. "I would have liked for it to not be so close. It would have been easier if we had won by 50 and gone out with 4 minutes to play and gotten everybody in But any time you get a win against a top five team like Kentucky, as great as their tradition is, it just says a lot about our

Chuck Hayes led the Wildcats with 11 points. Azubuike and Randolph Morris each had nine.

It was just the fifth loss in the last 53 conference games for Kentucky, which failed to become the first team to reach 1,900 vic-

"Florida made big plays down the stretch," Wildcats coach Tubby Smith said. "That's what it's all about. In a tight, tough game like this, you've got to make plays. They did and we didn't."

Florida trailed 49-45 with about 2 minutes to play when Walsh made two key baskets. He grabbed a rebound off a miss by Sparks and made the layup on the other end. Sparks also fouled Walsh on the play, and Walsh converted the three-point play.

After Sparks answered with a three-pointer that made it 52-48, Walsh hit a three-pointer from well beyond the top of the circle.

The outcome didn't change either team's seeding for next week's SEC tournament, but it could drastically alter their seeding in the NCAA tournament. Kentucky should fall in the polls, and even if the Wildcats win a third straight SEC tournament it might not be enough to claim one of the top

Florida, meanwhile, could return to The Associated Press' Top 25 for the first time since late November and probably will im-

prove its NCAA seeding.
"It's a relief, but we've got to move on from this one," Roberson said. "It's a confidence builder. That's what we've got to use

### Downtrodden Missouri stuns Kansas in border war

The Associated Press

COLUMBIA, Mo. - Thomas Gardner matched his career best with 23 points and Linas Kleiza tied his with 14 rebounds, helping Missouri upset No. 7 Kansas 72-68 on Sunday, denying the Jayhawks the outright Big 12 title.

Fans from the first sellout of the season at the Mizzou Arena streamed onto the court at the finish as Missouri ended a four-game losing streak to its bitter border rival

Wayne Simien had 17 points and eight rebounds for the Jayhawks (22-5, 12-4), who were bumped to the second seed in this week's Big 12 tournament behind co-champion Oklahoma. Simien, who had 57 points and 32 rebounds in his previous two games, went more than 15 minutes between field goals in the first half Sunday.

Kansas' Keith Langford had five points in 3 minutes before re-injuring an ankle he hurt in practice last week. Langford is the Jayhawks' No. 2 scorer at 15.1 points

Jimmy McKinney added a career-best 21 points and Kleiza had 15 as the Tigers (15-15, 7-9) played one of their best games of the season four days after losing by 18 points at Iowa State. Kansas erased a 15-point sec-

ond-half deficit before Missouri clinched it at the free throw line



overs in the final 90 seconds by Jayhawks point guard Aaron Miles. Missouri had only two field goals over the final 10½ minutes, but was 7-for-10 at the line in the last 5 minutes. In Saturday games:

Texas 74. No. 8 Oklahoma St. 73: Brad Buckman scored 27 points, then escaped being the goast of the game when Oklahoma State's Terrence Crawford failed to hit the tying free throws after being fouled by Buckman with 0.3 seconds to play

After a career night, Brad Buckman could only wait and watch to see if Texas would pay for his one hig mistake

The Cowboys (20-6, 11-5 Big 12) rallied from six points down in the final 48 seconds before falling just short in a bid to extend their nation-leading home winning streak to 30 games.

No. 5 Boston College 78, Rutgers 66: Boston College clinched the Big East regular-season title and earned the No. 1 seed in next week's tournament behind 21-point, 11-rebound mance by Jared Dudley.

Boston College (24-3, 13-3) fin-

ished tied with Connecticut for the best record, but it won the tiebreaker, having beaten the Huskies 75-70 in January Craig Smith had 13 points and

10 rebounds for the Eagles and Nate Doornekamp added a career-high 13 points Ricky Shields, who was playing

his final home game, had 21 points to lead the Scarlet Knights. Stanford 77, No. 10 Washing-

ton 67: Matt Haryasz had 24 points and 10 rebounds, and an inspired Stanford (17-11, 11-7 Pac-10) dashed the Huskies' hopes of gaining a share of the Pac-10 title

The loss, combined with Arizona's victory over Arizona State, gave the Wildcats the conference title. The Huskies (24-5, 14-4) haven't won a league championship since tving with Southern California in 1985

No. 11 Arizona 70. Arizona St. 68: Salim Stoudamire hit a double-numn 14-footer with six-tenths of a second to play to give Arizona (25-5, 15-3) the outright Pac-10 regular-season title.

Arizona coach Lute Olson earned his 305th conference victory to break the Pac-10 record of 304 held by John Wooden.

The Wildcats won their 11th conference title and ninth outright after No. 10 Washington lost at Stanford earlier in the day, but Arizona had to work hard for its 20th victory in its last 21 meetings with Arizona State. The Sun Devils (18-12, 7-11) rallied from 18 down in the first half to pull within one at the break.

and from 15 behind in the second half to take a brief lead No. 14 Michigan St. 90, Penn State 64: Alan Anderson scored 22 points and Chris Hill added 21

for the Spartans. Kelvin Torbert and Maurice Ager each added 11 points for Michigan State (22-5, 13-3 Big

Ten) Ben Luber and Mike Walker each scored 12 for Penn State (7-22, 1-15). Danny Morrissey had 11 and Travis Parker added

Michigan State will be the No. 2 seed behind top-ranked Illinois and will have a first-round bye in next week's Big Ten tournament The Spartans have won eight of their last nine games.

No. 17 Pacific 64. UC Riverside 48: Guillaume Yango had 12 points and 14 rebounds to help Pacific complete a perfect season in the Big West Conference.

Mike Webb added 10 points for Pacific (25-2, 18-0), which tied a school record by winning its 21st straight game.

Pacific held the Highlanders to just 14 first-half points, and led by 18 at the break Steve Williams had 16 points

for the Highlanders (9-19, 4-14).

South Florida 85. No. 18 Charlotte 73: Terrence Leather scored 24 points and Brian Swift added 19 to lead South Florida to

one of the biggest wins in school history. The loss was the second straight for Charlotte (21-6, 12-3), which performed much of the night like a team that had little to play for after Louisville clinched

the Conference USA regular-sea

son title by beating DePaul earlier in the day. South Florida (12-15, 5-11) refused to buckle down the stretch. Marius Prekevicius made a key three-pointer, and the Bulls made 11 consecutive free throws to ice

Brendan Plavich led Charlotte with 20 points, including six three-pointers

No. 20 Oklahoma 74. Texas Tech 54: Kevin Bookout scored 15 points to lead Oklahoma, which handed Bob Knight his worse home loss at Texas Tech

Oklahoma (23-6, 12-4 Big 12) came out hot in the second half, scoring on five of its first six possessions to put together a 12-0 run and go up 42-29

No. 25 Nevada 73. San Jose St. 69: Nick Fazekas had 28 points and eight rebounds, and Nevada (24-5, 16-2 Western Athletic Conference) rallied from a big early deficit for its 10th

straight victory.

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Bibby scores 19 as Kings win first home game since trading Webber, Page 29

# **Ohio State stuns Illinois**

# Sylvester's three-pointer caps career-high effort, hands No. 1 Illini first loss

BY RUSTY MILLER

The Associated Press COLUMBUS, Ohio - Illinois is

perfect no more Ohio State reserve forward Matt Sylvester hit a three-pointer with 5.1 seconds left on Sunday to hand the top-ranked Illini their

first loss, 65-64. The Illini (29-1, 15-1) were trying to cap the Big Ten's first unbeaten season in 29 years. In-stead, they frittered away a 12-point lead in the second half

and didn't score in the final three minutes Sylvester scored a career-high

25 points — eight more than his previous best - for a team that was banned by its own administrators from the postseason two months ago for alleged NCAA vio-

Ohio State (19-12, 8-8), a team with problems all year hanging onto the ball, didn't have a turn over in the second half. The Illini, who had hurdled tough games in loud environments all season, had seven turnovers after halftime.

It was the second straight sea son a team coached by Thad Matta ended a run at perfection. Matta's Xavier team handed Saint Joseph's its first loss last season in the Atlantic 10 tourna-

The last team to reach the NCAA tournament without a loss was UNLV in 1991.

The Illini led 64-58 after James Augustine's layup with 3:23 left - but didn't score again.

The Buckeyes ran off the next seven points, with Terence Dials, who had 21 points, scoring on a half-hook before Sylvester drove the lane for a left-handed scoop to cut the lead to 64-62 with 1:40 remaining

With just more than a minute left, Illinois' Deron Williams drove the lane and wrapped a pass around a defender to Roger Powell but Dials swatted the shot away to teammate Je'Kel Foster. Sylvester missed a 15-footer for the Buckeyes and then Illinois' Luther Head misfired on a three-pointer with 17 seconds

Ohio State called a timeout with 12 seconds left. Foster in-Brandon bounded to Fuss-Cheatham who passed to Sylvester on the right wing, in front of the Ohio State bench. His quick shot seemed to surprise the Illini, nestling in the net while a capacity crowd at Value City

Arena roared. After a timeout, a pass was tipped out of bounds in front of the Illinois bench. The Illini had one last chance with 2.2 seconds left. Williams passed to Powell, but his hurried three-pointer from the top of the circle was well short and off the mark.

Fans rushed the court after the buzzer sounded, snapping photos, iumping up and down and slapping the Buckeyes on the back

Dee Brown led the Illini with 13 points, although he was rattled all day by chants of "air ball" after several errant second-half shots. He was 3-of-11 from the field and had only five points over the final 34 minutes Powell and Head each added 12 points.

Williams, who came in averaging 12.8 points a game, was 1-for-7 from the field and finished with two points.

Foster added 10 points for Ohio State, which enters this week's Big Ten tournament as the No. 6

The Illini were 9-for-27 (33 percent) from the field in the second



Ohio State's Matt Sylvester drives for two of his 25 points as Illinois' James Augustine looks on during. Sylvester hit a game-winning three-pointer to hand the top-ranked Illini their first loss of the season.

Woods wins showdown with Mickelson at Doral, ascends back to No. 1

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